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42 die as storms devastate US from Florida to New England

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

ONE of the worst storms this century swept up the Atlantic coast of the United States at the weekend, leaving a trail of death and destruction from the Florida Keys through the Deep South to northern New England.

Twelve states from Florida to Maine declared a state of emergency as heavy snow and hurricanes killed at least 42 people and left millions without electricity. The White House said President Clinton was being briefed every two hours by the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

The National Weather Service issued a series of blizzard warnings just a week before the official start of spring. The storm was immediately compared to the Great Blizzard of 1888 that killed an estimated 400 people on the East Coast.

Hurrican Andrew, which hit Florida last year, killed 44 people and Hurricane Hugo, which swept South Carolina in 1989, left 57 dead.

Meteorologists attributed the latest storm to the combination of arctic air from Canada with moist air in a deep low pressure system over the Gulf of Mexico. Florida was worst hit, with 18 deaths and two million people without power. Tornados criss-crossed the "Sunshine State", with winds gusting up to 109mph in Dry Tortugas, near Key West.

At a trailer park for survivors of Hurricane Andrew, the blizzard ripped one mobile home to shreds, killing Danielle Howanitz, 36, who was found buried under debris 100 yards away. At a tent city in Naranja, near Homestead, which was opened last month for people still homeless from Hurricane Andrew, 27 of 125 tents were blown down. Their occupants had already been evacuated. Andy Menendez, co-ordinator of a homeless programme, said: "How many times can these families and kids see all their personal stuff in rubble?"

One man was killed by a falling pine tree and another died in a motor cycle accident. In the secluded town of Chiefland in north Florida, a woman and her four-year-old niece were drowned when their home was destroyed in the storms.

The coastguard rescued more than 130 people from boats at sea and the Port of Miama was congested with cruise ships that dared not venture out. An international tennis championship in Miami was cancelled for the day as was a golf tournament.

Deep snow flurries, strong winds and flooding disrupted life for the entire length of the East Coast as the storm headed northwards into Canada yesterday.

All the international airports from Atlanta north to Washington, New York and Boston were closed, leaving thousands of travellers stranded. Motorways were closed and rail services restricted. Coastal areas were evacuated because of the threat of flooding at high tide.

Up to three feet of snow fell in North Carolina, with 100mph winds; gusts of up to 70mph whipped around the skyscrapers of New York; and in the Shenandoah Valley the only vehicles moving were military personnel carriers on rescue missions.

Cuba was also hit by severe weather, with powerful winds, rainstorms and freak waves killing at least five people and forcing the evacuation of several thousand tourists from beachfront hotels.

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Lamont builds Budget to ensure his survival

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Norman Lamont's credibility as Chancellor is on the line. He wants to stay on and his Budget performance tomorrow will determine his future

NORMAN Lamont will tomorrow seek to ensure his survival as Chancellor by making his Budget speech the first instalment of a two-part strategy, with the second half coming in November.

By inextricably linking the two budgets, he would make it difficult for the prime minister to remove him in the summer. His supporters also believe a successor would be reluctant to take office with his hands tied.

Mr Lamont knows that his future hinges on the success of tomorrow's Budget, and he made clear over the weekend that he wants to stay at the Exchequer. "I'm interested in this job and I have an amount to do," he said in an interview with *The Independent on Sunday*. "My mind is not on any other job."

The Chancellor has been helped in his search for a politically popular package by a sharp drop in the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement and the abandonment of the Stock Exchange's Taurus computer project, which means he can continue to levy stamp duty on share deals — worth up to £1 billion a year. He will not, therefore, be forced to impose tax increases of more than £2 billion.

Big increases are, however, likely on petrol, tobacco and car tax, and he may make some minor changes on value-added tax in advance of the full review he will announce. To sugar the pill, he is likely to extend the 20p lower band of income tax introduced last year. Party officials also suggested yesterday that he was liable "to produce a few rabbits out of the hat" on top of the promised measures to boost industry and jobs.

One idea being considered as part of a £300 million package to help the long-term unemployed is a voucher scheme whereby an employer would be reimbursed for taking on someone who had been out of work for more than six months. Mr Lamont is also expected to give details of schemes requiring 18 to 24-year-olds to take training or community work placements, possibly on a part-time basis, in return for benefit.

The main link between the spring and autumn budgets will be the VAT review. Mr Lamont is expected to announce a consultation exercise tomorrow leading to a green paper. Firm proposals would follow in the autumn when food, children's clothes, newspapers and public transport could be brought within the scope of the tax.

By taking the unusual step of announcing his proposals in advance, the Chancellor would not only enhance his own career prospects, but also reassure the City and boost consumer spending in the short term.

John Watts, chairman of the Treasury and Civil Service select committee said yesterday that Mr Lamont's future at the Treasury would depend on whether the Budget boosted recovery. "I think if the Budget is well received and if we can see some green shoots which are not shrivelling, I expect that we will see him deliver the November Budget as well." But if the economy showed no signs of picking up, it was likely that he would have to be moved to reassure both backbenchers and the markets, Mr Watts said.

Other MPs were less supportive, with one Tory backbencher saying the Chancellor's reputation had been "shot to bits" and that the Budget was unlikely to restore his credibility. But there were signs that others were rallying to Mr Lamont's cause. John Townend, chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee, said: "His stock in the parliamentary party has risen from a low on Black Wednesday as some people have argued that he was unfairly blamed and used as a scapegoat."

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BBC lobby voices its support for Birt

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A HIGHLY orchestrated campaign led by some of the most famous faces and powerful managers at the BBC was under way last night to save John Birt, the corporation's embattled director-general.

John Simpson, the BBC's foreign affairs editor and one of its most popular reporters; the news presenters Martyn Lewis and Peter Sissons; Polly Toynbee, from the social affairs department; Robin Oakley, political editor; and Peter Jay, economics editor, yesterday all publicly condemned the attacks on Mr Birt from those in the BBC "too cowardly to give their names".

In a letter to the Editor of *The Times*, the star presenters called for the governors to "keep their heads" and asked them "to offer their full support for John Birt's continuing director-generalship".

Launching another support action simultaneously, the BBC board of management expressed its "unanimous support" for Mr Birt in a separate letter to *The Times* following renewed calls in the weekend press for the director-general and Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC board of governors, to stand down.

This is the first time that the presenters and the management board have put their names to a public declaration since revelations two weeks ago that Mr Birt had been employed by the BBC for six years on a freelance contract, which allowed him to avoid paying tax on a substantial part of his £140,000 salary. Mr Birt subsequently joined the staff of the BBC.

In a series of telephone calls, some lasting late into the night, the powers-that-be in the BBC yesterday began discreetly whipping up support from the great and the good in a desperate attempt to cool the head of steam that has built up around the affair in the run-up to a full board of governors' meeting to be held on Thursday.

Despite increasing calls from the board to either support or condemn Birt, none of the 12 governers was available for comment yesterday. But the board is believed to be split down the middle on the affair. So far Bill Jordan,

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Mafia link to dead Russians

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

POLICE have established links between a known associate of the Mafia and two Russians murdered in London nearly two weeks ago.

Ruslan Utsyev, 39, and his brother Nasabek, 21, were murdered in their Marylebone flat. They arrived in Britain last November, apparently to negotiate contracts for the supply of currency, passports and stamps for the self-proclaimed republic of Chechenia, which is trying to break away from Russia.

In December, however, the elder brother began negotiating for a £173 million loan with Joseph C Ripp, a convicted American fraudster who is named in a report by the Pennsylvania Crime Commission as a business associate of a convicted Mafia killer.

Russians' deal, page 4

Currie's homework pays off as she wins Euro nomination

BY JILL SHERMAN AND IAN MURRAY

EDWINA Currie, the former junior health minister, fulfilled a cherished ambition yesterday when she was selected to fight the European seat of Bedfordshire South next June.

Mrs Currie made clear she would not force a by-election at South Derbyshire but would retain her Westminster seat until the next general election if she wins the Euro-election. At the same time, Alan Clark, the former defence minister, was told he had not been shortlisted to fight the Newbury by-election.

Mrs Currie, who was forced to resign from her ministerial post after making remarks about infected poultry during a salmonella poisoning scare, has made no secret of her desire to become a Euro MP. She has campaigned vigorously for Maastricht, taken French lessons in the Commons, bought a house near the Loire and even turned down a ministerial post in the Home Office offered by John Major last November, in her quest for a European seat.

Nevertheless, she faces a tough battle in Bedfordshire South, where she will have to defend a slim majority of 2,977 in a constituency of nearly 600,000 people.

Mrs Currie said: "I have started campaigning already. I hope to be talking about Europe and Britain rather than Britain in Europe. Britain suffers from a bit of a crisis of confidence about this."

Her remarks came as some MPs tried to play down the split within the Tory party over Maastricht. Sir John Wheeler, Tory MP for Westminster North, denied there was any acrimony or discord between MPs but merely "parliamentary friendship between people engaged in honest debate". He pointed out that the majority of Conservatives and most MPs in the Commons supported Maastricht.

Currie: hoping to bid Westminster farewell

☐ Glenys Kinnock, wife of the former Labour leader, was elected by a two-to-one majority to be the Islwyn Labour party's candidate for the Euro seat of South East Wales.

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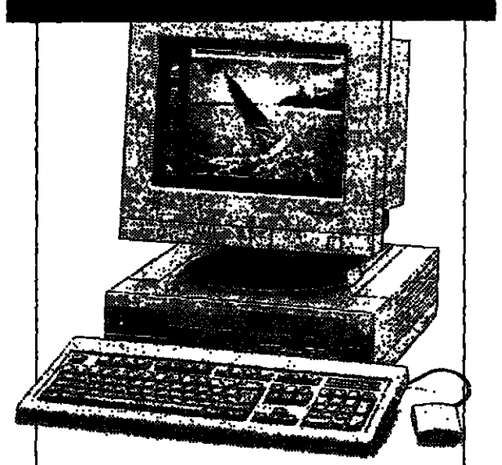

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VIPs force Yard to abandon plan for cheaper protection

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CABINET ministers and other VIPs under terrorist threat have forced Scotland Yard to abandon plans to streamline its protection service in a cost-cutting exercise.

The Yard has dropped proposals to merge VIP, royalty and diplomatic protection teams into a single department after objections from senior politicians and internal police opposition.

Cabinet ministers are said to have complained to the Home Office that ending their protection by Special Branch officers would kill continuity and destroy rapport. The Yard plan would have led to constantly changing protection teams which might have made the lives of VIPs even more constrained. Arguments over the plan went as high in the Yard and senior officers were involved with the Home Office in lengthy discussions over the future of the plan.

If the changes had gone ahead the Special Branch, which numbers 523 officers, might have been drastically cut. More than 100 officers are involved in protection duties for a list of VIPs including the prime minister, the home secretary and the foreign secretary. Baroness Thatcher has a protection unit and the squad has provided armed cover for Salman Rushdie.

All officers are armed and receive three weeks of initial training. They are specially vetted for the work, which usually lasts four or five years before they go back to other duties. They have to take part in regular fitness tests and firearms exercises.

The Special Branch, known as the A squad, also provides protection for visiting dignatories and cover for international conferences held in Britain. They have recently travelled with senior ministers to Chile, Colombia, Bosnia and Somalia.

The proposal to create one department was launched more than 18 months ago after a scrutiny of protection work and held in abeyance as opposition began to swell. All the protection units would have been merged into one group to cut costs and streamline manpower. VIP protection costs the Yard £59 million a year.

Opponents within the Yard argued that continuity would be destroyed and that different VIPs have different demands. Royalty protection required protection unlike that for politicians. Diplomatic protection is mainly concerned with uniformed, armed guards at embassies and residences. The royalty and diplomatic protection unit has 857 officers and also provides cover for the Palace of Westminster.

One senior Yard officer said the concern of VIPs such as senior ministers was easy to understand. They lead complicated, busy and long working days and the protection teams had to blend well into their routines. If the membership of the teams constantly changed, the VIPs and their families would be unsettled.

Special Branch commanders take care to ensure the officers do not become permanently attached to one VIP, but officers do spend long periods with their charges and a close rapport develops.

The branch prides itself on the fact that only one VIP, a former Israeli ambassador, has been injured while being protected on London streets by Special Branch officers. He was shot and badly injured by an assassination team in Park Lane in the early 1980s. His protection officer shot one of the gunmen.

TUC urges vote for Maastricht

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE TUC is to warn Britain this week that it will "continue to languish at the bottom of the second division" unless the Maastricht treaty is ratified. This theme is being emphasised as the TUC launches an extensive campaign to rally support for participation in the controversial social chapter.

The politically significant campaign comes ahead of key Commons votes on the issue next month. Leaflets in the European Community colours of yellow and blue featuring interlinked cogs and the slogan "We're part of Europe, so let's get it working" are being widely circulated throughout unions. Advertisements in the striking colours are being put in union journals.

The TUC has become strongly committed to active British involvement in the EC and its leaders are concerned that the Maastricht treaty be ratified. The leaflet and the adverts emphasise the advantages of the treaty, and especially the social chapter.

It says: "Unless we make Maastricht work for us, Britain will continue to languish at the bottom of the second division. Do we really want to sit back while our European partners move forward to a more secure future?"

The TUC view is in line with the approach taken by the Labour leadership which, while pressing for the inclusion of the social chapter, backs ratification of the treaty in spite of the doubts of a sizeable minority of Labour MPs.

Norman Willis, TUC general secretary and president of the European TUC, has said that ministers were haunted by the social opt-out but "the need for it could become a bipartisan policy". "It is the government's failure to support the social chapter which is holding up the parliamentary debate and the ratification of the treaty," he said.

BBC governors who meet this week to decide director-general's fate

☐ **Marmaduke Hussey**, 70, chairman of the board of governors since 1986 and due to stand down in October 1996. In a joint statement last Monday he expressed full support for John Birt. Contacted in Hong Kong yesterday, he declined to comment.

☐ **Lord Barnett**: 69, former Labour MP. He has been the vice-chairman of the board of governors since 1986 (until July this year). Stated his support for Mr Birt in a public statement last Monday. There was no reply from his home yesterday.

☐ **Sir Kenneth Bloomfield**: 61, head of Northern Ireland Civil Service and National Governor for Northern Ireland, BBC, since 1991. Issued statement yesterday saying he "does not wish to speak on BBC issues until the board of governors' meeting".

☐ **Dr Jane Glover**: 43, Principal Conductor (formerly Musical Director), London Choral Society since 1983. A governor since 1990 (until April 1995). Dr Glover's agent says she is away and not available for comment.

☐ **Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox**: 62, a governor since 1990 (until July 1995). Retired diplomat and former British Ambassador to Spain (1984-89). Not available for comment.

☐ **Professor Sir Graham Hills**: 66, former principal and vice-chancellor of the University of Strathclyde. . Scottish governor of the BBC since 1989 (until July 1994). Did not reply to messages.

☐ **Baroness James (PD James)**: 72, author. Governor since 1988 (until July 1993). She is in America promoting a book.

☐ **Bill Jordan**: 57, president of Amagalmated Engineering and Electrical Union. Governor since 1988 (until July 1993). No reply from his home telephone number in Birmingham.

☐ **Keith Oates**: 50, managing director of Marks and Spencer plc. Governor since 1988 (until July 1993). Failed to respond to messages.

☐ **Dr John Roberts**: 64, Warden at Merton College, Oxford. Governor since 1988. Leaves the board at the end of this month. The college has been told not to put calls through to him.

☐ **Shahwar Sadeque**: 50, governor since 1990 (until April 1995). Member of Commission for Racial Equality since 1989. Callers told: "Mrs Sadeque does not wish to speak to the press about the BBC."

☐ **Dr Gwyn Jones**: 44, chairman of Welsh Development Agency. Governor since 1992 (until December 1996). His secretary promised to fax all messages to him. He was not at his home in Swansea yesterday.

BBC staff speak out in Birt's favour

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president of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, is the only governor to have spoken out. He told *The Sunday Times*: "If even half of what's been said is true, there's one awful lot of questions to be asked."

Among the figures targeted were the 36 members of the BBC's general advisory council, who are to meet the 12 governors and the entire management board on Wednesday to discuss the crisis. The council, whose members include Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of NUPE, Penelope Lively, the author, actress Jane Asher, Lady Wilcox, chairwoman of the National Consumer Council, and Elizabeth Peacock MP, is an independent body set up under the BBC's charter and charged with providing outside, specialist "advice and representation" to the corporation.

Mr Birt, who spend yesterday with friends, avoiding all public comment, was said by a close associate to be greatly heartened by the huge rallying of support within the BBC. "He still has no intention of leaving the BBC," a friend said last night.

Reports at the weekend that Mr Birt had engaged Tim Bell, the public relations guru, to represent him and to place favourable articles about him in the Sunday press were strenuously denied.

Mr Bell, who has had a contract with the BBC for the past seven years, said: "I work for the BBC in general and not specifically for Mr Birt."

As Mr Birt's supporters came creeping out into the open, support for Mr Hussey — who agreed to Mr Birt's unusual tax arrangements — were less forthcoming.

Anthony Smith, a former chairman of the British Film Institute and one of the founders of Channel 4, said: "I do not think he has managed the affairs of the BBC well for quite some time and I should imagine that view is widely shared within the corporation."

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Reith viewed love for man friend as a biblical affair

BY DANIEL JOHNSON, LITERARY EDITOR

AMID the uproar at the BBC over the propriety of John Birt's financial arrangements, many critics have drawn a contrast between Mr Birt and the towering example of John Reith, the corporation's creator and first director-general.

Eyebrows were therefore raised yesterday by newspaper reports suggesting that, in his youth, Lord Reith had "a passionate affair with a young man". Did that great moralist, too, have feet of clay?

The truth, according to Ian McIntyre, Reith's latest biographer, is "wildly more interesting" than the crude assumption that Reith was a "closet" homosexual. McIntyre, a former controller of BBC Radio 3 and Radio 4, is unwilling to pre-empt the conclusions of his book, published this autumn, but he spoke to *The Times* yesterday to correct the impression that, as the first biographer to have had access to the 2.5 million words of Reith's diaries, he had sensationalised the man's private life.

Reith's friend, he said, was called Charlie. They were neighbours in Glasgow and became close in 1911-12, when Charlie was 16 and Reith was 23. Reith, the youngest of seven children, was a lonely, morose youth and Charlie was the answer to his prayers.

Theirs was a passionate relationship. In a letter to his father, a Free Church of Scotland minister, in 1917, Reith cited a biblical precedent: "Personally, I think Charlie and I can make the David and Jonathan business look like 30 cents." Such intense male friendships were not uncommon and Reith was open about it to his family and colleagues.

McIntyre says that, for some ten years, Reith was "quite plainly besotted". When Charlie's family moved to London, Reith threw up his job and followed, even though Charlie's parents evidently disapproved of his overbearing influence. During the first world war, Reith went to great lengths to have Charlie posted to the same army unit. Briefly they shared the same quarters.

The evidence is unclear about whether the relationship was more than a platonic one. In later life, Reith edited and rewrote his diaries, but he could not bring himself to suppress the evidence of his feelings for Charlie. When Reith fell in love with his future wife, Muriel Odhams, he could not see why marriage should interfere with what he called his "love" for Charlie; but as soon as Charlie met his own future wife, thanks to Reith's matchmaking, the older man's jealousy was immediately aroused.

After two years of Reith's tantrums, Charlie ended their

Reith: friendship was a passionate one

friendship in 1921 with a letter which, like 600-700 others, was later destroyed. A year later, Reith joined the British Broadcasting Company and in six years turned it into a public corporation.

According to McIntyre, the consequences of the Charlie episode affected Reith for the rest of his life. Though the two men had sporadic contacts, and met by chance in a Southampton hotel during the second world war, Reith was deeply embittered by what he saw as a betrayal by his "dear friend". His tempestuous, dictatorial manner and his fanatical devotion to work are seen by McIntyre as an attempt to anaesthetise himself against past unhappiness.

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Labour exploits SNP voting rift

Tom Clarke, the shadow Scottish secretary, yesterday issued an open invitation to Scottish Nationalists to defect to the Labour Party as three of the SNP "cabinet" resigned over the party's decision to vote with the government on Maastricht last week. The three were Alex Neil (treasury), Kenneth MacAskill (transport) and Roger Mullin (employment), who resigned after the party failed to censure the MPs for backing the government. Commenting on the resignations, Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, said: "It is a pity they cannot accept the majority decision. Perhaps when tempers have cooled they will reconsider."

The Scottish Labour party, winding up its 78th annual conference in Inverness, used the dissent within the SNP to launch an appeal to nationalist members. Mr Clarke urged them to "join us in opposing the Tory-wrecking of the Scottish economy". He said that the SNP's decision to back their MPs gave them a mandate to vote Tory again.

Labour left Inverness yesterday in buoyant mood with a number of vital policy areas clarified and with a renewed commitment to campaign on issues of jobs, health, education and transport. And the spectacle of the nationalists in disarray added to the upbeat mood as they departed.

66,000 pupils expelled

The number of children excluded from state schools has risen by 50 per cent in two years, according to a MORI survey. Up to 66,000 pupils have been expelled, at least temporarily, this year. The responses of 79 of the 127 local education authorities will be analysed on BBC's *Panorama* programme tonight. A smaller survey for the National Union of Teachers last March indicated that exclusions had risen by 20 per cent. The union blamed pressures on schools faced with examination league tables.

Sportsmen hospitalised

An amateur rugby player and a professional footballer were in intensive care in hospital yesterday after being injured on Saturday. Seamus Lavelle of Edgware, north London, was in a critical condition after suffering serious head injuries while playing for Hendon rugby club. John Buckley, a Rotherham United winger, was in a critical but stable condition after suffering a serious head injury during a match against Plymouth Argyle. A motorcyle sidecar racer was killed during practice near Bournemouth, Dorset.

Two horses wounded

Two attacks on horses were being investigated by police yesterday. Both incidents happened near St Agnes, Cornwall, and each animal suffered wounds to the forehead. One horse suffered a wound that appeared to have been made with a sharp instrument. Another was also found to be injured but police are not certain how it was hurt.

Howell swaps channels

Lis Howell, the television producer who resigned from independent television's *GMTV* breakfast programme after criticism from Greg Dyke, the station's chairman, has started a new job with the BBC. Ms Howell, 41, who caused controversy by saying *GMTV* needed the F-factor, of "fanciable" presenters, is to work on *Good Morning*.

Surgery partners did not tell health authority of victim's condition

Doctor with Aids broke guidelines to work in casualty

By Ronnie Faux

A GENERAL practitioner in Bolton, Greater Manchester, who died of Aids last summer had been allowed to carry on working after advising colleagues he had contracted the disease, it was revealed yesterday.

Neither the health authority nor patients he was treating were told of his illness and the doctor, who has not been named, broke health service guidelines by working six shifts in a casualty department without telling the hospital of his condition, it was claimed.

Dr Peter Povey, director of public health in Bolton, said the doctor had worked with other district health authorities before moving to the town and they had been contacted, but officials refused to disclose which they were, saying it was up to them to notify the public if they saw fit.

Bolton health authority was alerted only last Friday that the man had Aids. All 260 patients treated by the doctor at Bolton Royal Infirmary were being contacted to be offered counselling and tests.

He said the risk to patients was negligible. Only a handful may have had a minor invasive procedure performed by the doctor.

Four help lines on 0204 390999 had received ten calls in the first two hours after they were opened yesterday.

The doctor worked in general practice in Bolton from August 1991 to February 1992, and health officials refused to confirm reports that he was a trainee GP in the town.

He also worked 49 hours over six shifts in the casualty unit at Bolton Royal Infirmary from October 1991 to January 1992.

Dr Povey said the doctor knew he was suffering from Aids when he agreed to work the locum shifts at the hospital. "I believe there was a duty on behalf of the doctor to have informed the health authority of his status before he was recruited for the locum post. I think he did breach the guidelines."

Dr Povey said: "My best guess is that almost certainly we would not have employed him had we known about his condition."

He said the doctor's partners were aware that he had Aids. "I understand that the practice was aware of the situation. It was discussed with the partners and once it was known, he worked in accordance with the guidelines. It would not be a matter the practice would discuss with the health authority."

Dr Povey said the other GPs in the practice would not necessarily have known that the doctor involved was carrying out locum work at the Bolton Royal Infirmary. "There was nothing in the guidelines to compel a GP to disclose the fact that he had Aids."

David Lea, general manager of Bolton family health services authority, said: "This doctor was not involved in invasive surgical procedures while in general practice. He worked in accordance with health department guidelines and there is therefore no risk to patients."

Public concern has been raised by recent cases including a London dentist, who revealed last week that he gave up practising only when he developed Aids fully, a gynaecologist from Kent who is seriously ill with an Aids-related condition, and a trainee GP in Wales who died from an Aids-related disease.

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Health cover: air-tight suits are being used in hospitals to cut the risk of Aids

GP leader quits after Bottomley backs patient

By Nick Nuttall

A SENIOR doctors' leader, who is a critic of some of the government's health service reforms, has resigned from the Royal College of General Practitioners after Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, upheld a complaint by a patient against him.

Dr Colin Waine, the chairman of the college, whose practice is in Bishop Auckland, Durham, was deemed to be in breach of the terms and conditions of his employment after delaying a visit to a patient's home.

In a statement, Dr Waine, whose position involved negotiating directly with Mrs Bottomley and with her advisers, said: "It is with deep regret that I have decided to resign."

He said he had taken the decision to "ensure that the college ... should not be not damaged in any way".

Members of the college reacted with sadness at Dr Waine's decision to step down. Dr Alistair Donald, president of the college, said yesterday that Dr Waine's resignation "will be received with great sadness and dismay by all his friends". He added: "It is the honourable action of a man who has devoted himself unstintingly to the service of the college."

The complaint against Dr Waine, who has been chairman for two and a half years, was made two years ago to his local Family Health Services Authority. The patient, a woman, had contacted his practice in the evening but alleged that the doctor had not arrived until the following morning.

A service committee, comprising three members of the public, three GPs and two health board officials, dismissed the complaint, but the patient appealed. A fresh committee, appointed by the health secretary and consisting of two GPs and a lawyer, ruled last week in favour of the complainant and their ruling has been upheld by Mrs Bottomley.

Dr Donald said there was no suggestion that the health secretary's decision was politically motivated. However, he said that the case would trigger widespread sympathy among fellow GPs at a time when public demands on the service doctors were being expected to deliver were increasing.

Dor Donald said that once, few complaints were made against GPs, but a newly qualified doctor could now expect to attract four or five during his professional lifetime.

He added that the case also had important implications for a doctor's clinical judgement about which of several night callers were in greatest need. "The point at issue is the extent to which a doctor can excercise this judgement. Otherwise, every patient in the country could call up and say they want you in ten minutes," he said.

Table talk beats restaurant recession

Chefs serve up dining boom

By Robin Young

GOOD times are rolling again in Britain's restaurants. February's lists of bankruptcies included five London restaurants, but the mood of the trade has brightened almost beyond recognition since St Valentine's Day.

That was the day Sir Terence Conran opened his £2.5 million 400-seater restoration of Quaglino's in St James's. Critics had prognosticated gloomily that the new restaurant might prove to be a gastronomic black hole, gobbling up other people's customers and forcing closure on older establishments in the neighbourhood.

Instead, Quaglino's has been a brilliant success (reservations were briefly being hawked round the Stock Exchange at a premium) but the neighbours are also reporting increased trade and full houses.

Richard Shepherd of Langan's Brasserie said: "Our February figures were well up on last year, and last year was a very good year for us."

The one casualty has been Green's restaurant and oyster bar, which is opposite the new Quaglino's in Bury Street, but that is being bought by Mr Shepherd from Simon Parker-Bowles. It is due to re-open in April as Shepherd's, bringing Langan's into head-to-head competition with the Conran empire.

Meanwhile, a Japanese railway company and the Kikkoman soya sauce company have opened Matsuri, a £2 million Japanese restaurant, next door to Quaglino's, and Brian Stein, owner of Maxwell's in Covent Garden, is soon to open £2 million worth of eatery underneath the Royal Opera House.

Following on expensive refurbishments at The Criterion on Piccadilly Circus and in several leading hotel restaurants, such expenditure would have appeared foolish until recent weeks.

The Restaurateurs' Association of Great Britain is convinced the corner has been turned. "The mood at our regional meetings for our Young Chef and Young Waiter of the Year competitions was notably upbeat," a spokesman said. "People seem to realise that British restaurants offer exceptionally good value for money, and a chance to beat the gloom."

Reasons advanced for the change are various, and range from increased publicity in newspapers to the success of Lenny Henry's BBC2 comedy series, Chef!

David Pantin, executive director of the palatial Café Royal, itself experiencing a boom in brasserie business, said: "Last Tuesday I wanted to take overseas guests to see somewhere else in London. I had to ring six places before we could find anyone who could take us."

In the Lake District, Francis Coulson and Brian Sack have just re-opened for their 45th season at the Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel. "It has been quite thrilling," Mr Sack said. "On occasions we have even been overbooked and had to move the tables a little closer together to squeeze everybody in."

MARTIN BEDDALL

Quaglino's: the new Conran establishment is feeding well-heeled multitudes

It's not what you eat but where

By Joe Joseph

THE people who dine at San Lorenzo are different from you and me. You realise just how different when you are still loitering in the front bar at 10pm for the table you booked for nine, watching young royals and old pop stars leapfrog past.

Others may have opened the champagne when they read this week that Britain's top restaurants are experiencing a boom, but not the owners of San Lorenzo, which became chic in the 1960s.

Why not? Partly because the champagne is always open at San Lorenzo; partly because a table is as hard to secure now as it was when the Beatles used to drop by; and partly because Mara and Lorenzo Berni, who run the Knightsbridge trattoria, may be just too busy kissing customers to read newspapers.

The fact that the dining room can look like a Hello! photo shoot, with the Princess of Wales, Lord Snowdon, Eric Clapton, Mick Jagger and Joan Collins all nibbling their rugola, has helped to keep the place pricey and door-stepped by paparazzi when other restaurants have stooped to cut-price lunchtime specials.

The way to make an impression is to secure a title, a hit single or an Oscar. An expensive wardrobe might do. For women, the Versace "pricey tart" look still goes. For men, the fashion is 1960s jet-set, when sharply ironed denims and cashmere jacket conveyed a sense of wealth and hipness. San Lorenzo's decor and menu are also 25 years behind the times.

Who cares? These are head-swivelling diners who are less interested in food than in a glimpse of Diana's fringe. Mara, who is on first-name terms with the stars, spends her days ambling from one table to the next. The favoured are flattered with a hug, which thrills them more than the unmemorable food.

The restaurant can seat 200, paying at least £100 a couple, milking the rickety self-confidence of people who meekly wait for their reserved table. But who can measure the value of restaurant chic? Its price is far above rubies, because you can buy rubies down the road at Harrods.

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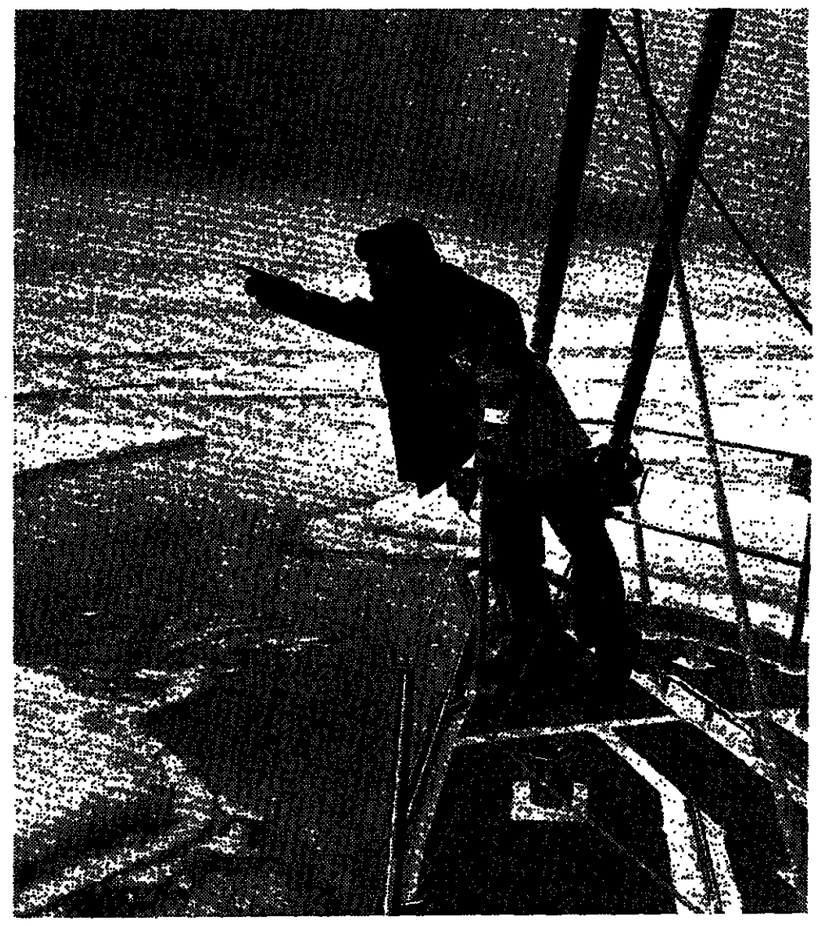

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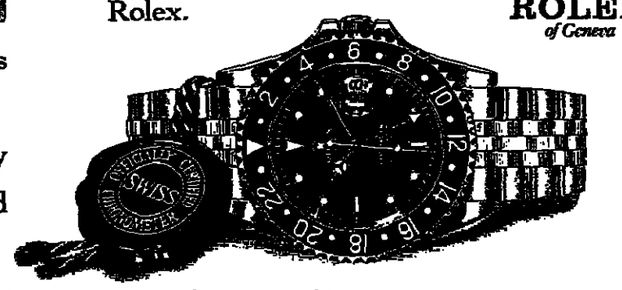

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Murdered Russians planned £170m deal with fraudster

By Christopher Elliott

■ A possible Mafia link has emerged in the tangled events that led to the London killing of two brothers from Chechenia

TWO Russian brothers murdered in their flat in west London were negotiating a £173 million loan with a convicted American fraudster who has links with the American Mafia.

Ruslan Utsyev, 39, and his brother Nasabek, 21, were ostensibly in Britain on behalf of the self-proclaimed republic of Chechenia, which is seeking independence from the Russian Federation, to organise the design and printing of currency, passports and stamps. They were found shot in the head nearly two weeks ago.

In early December, Ruslan Utsyev began negotiations with Joseph C. Ripp, who was named in a report by the Pennsylvania Crime Commission seven years ago as a "business associate" of a convicted Mafia killer. He signs himself as the president of the Investors Corporation of America, a subsidiary of the Transcontinental Financial Group of Palm Beach, Florida, run by a reclusive octogenarian millionaire, which has been involved in controversy before. Ripp is not suspected of any involvement in the killing of the brothers.

Last autumn Ripp was behind an extraordinary plan for the "total reconstruction" of Somalia, which was to have involved Investors Corporation lending £2.77 billion in exchange for Somalia's entire national oil reserves. He signed the deal with Haji Mohamed Hashi Haile, who claimed to be Somalia's foreign minister.

The loan was announced at a champagne reception at the Kensington Hilton, west London, where Haji Mohamed and his entourage stayed for more than two months. Their bill came to £150,000. During that time they saw more than 30 diplomats from different embassies in London, businessmen from a number of British multi-national companies and representatives of the world's press. This stream of visitors learnt later that Haji Mohamed's letters of introduction had been denounced as fake by the warring factions in Somalia, as had the existence of the oil. They also learnt that Ripp had a criminal record.

It is not clear how far the deal between Ripp and the Russians had progressed, as police are still trying to disentangle their complex financial affairs. Police have identified Ripp as the man negotiating a

Ripp: business links with the US Mafia

deal to lend cash for reconstruction work in Chechenia, including an oil terminal and tanks. It involved a substantial amount of oil as security.

Detectives believe the men were engaged in a separate multi-million pound scam, probably defrauding German businessmen, possibly in relation to the sale of raw materials.

The men's financial affairs had been under scrutiny by officers of the National Criminal Intelligence Service for some weeks. As revealed in *The Times*, their activities have confirmed the growing use of London as a base for criminals from eastern Europe. The brothers arrived in London last November. They bought a four-bedroom flat in Marylebone in December for £1 million. Huge sums of money were being moved through bank accounts in London that they controlled.

It is unclear how much they knew of Ripp's background. A confidential report by the Pennsylvania Crime Commission shows that he was sentenced to four years in prison in 1984 after pleading guilty at a court in Pittsburgh to a huge mail fraud. Ripp, 51, of Palm Beach, Florida, is also said in the report to have links to the Mafia and the drugs underworld. A note at the end of the report says that Ripp had been identified as a business associate of Raymond "Long John" Martorano, of the Philadelphia Cosa Nostra, who was convicted on July 1, 1984, in the murder of a Philadelphia union boss.

Ripp is no stranger to London and his movements are regularly monitored by Scotland Yard's fraud squad. Five years ago he and his son Daniel became involved with a British investment firm, Allied Capital Resources (ACR). Ripp asked a senior official to set up a deal which later fell through when charges of conspiracy to obtain £2.1 million were brought against some of those involved. Nobody from ACR was involved. Two men were convicted after an eight-week trial at the Old Bailey but were later freed on appeal. Neither Ripp nor his son Daniel were charged. Ripp's whereabouts are unknown but he is not believed to be in Britain.

Two men have been charged in connection with the killing of the Utsyev brothers.

CHRIS SKARBON

Anniversary audition: 11-year-old violinist Rebecca Watts was one of 16 young people auditioned by Sir Yehudi Menuhin yesterday for a much-prized place at the Sir Yehudi Menuhin School in Cobham, Surrey, which is this year celebrating its thirtieth anniversary

Banks jeopardise Tube line project

By Tim Jones, transport correspondent

THE future of the £1.8 billion London Underground Jubilee line extension is in doubt because of squabbling between 11 banks on how to fund the project. Unless agreement is reached within weeks, contracts worth more than £1 billion will have to be renegotiated, specialist engineering teams disbanded and start-up costs estimated at £200 million sacrificed.

Senior officials at London Underground admit that any significant deferral would lead to the inevitable cancellation of the line, which is regarded as a vital new artery for the capital and the salvation of the troubled £4 billion Canary Wharf project.

Although the government has committed £1.4 billion to the project, it is refusing to bow to pressure to provide all the funding. A senior source said: "The £400 million has become a totem and without it nothing will happen." He said John MacGregor, the transport secretary, was "not prepared to move an inch" from that position.

The 11 banks, which are led by Lloyds and include Barclays, which made loans of £600 million to fund Canary Wharf, have been negotiating for almost a year on how to meet the government's condition. While negotiators for the banks are said to have reached an interim agreement, nothing can be settled without the individual boards of each bank agreeing to the proposals. If one bank falters, the domino theory will come into effect and the line's future will be in real doubt.

The agreement is understood to involve an approach for funding of up to £100 million from the European Investment Bank, whose board meets later this month. Before it reaches any agreement, it will insist on acquiring substantial security, a process that could take many more months.

Expo '92 pavilion to return

THE award-winning British pavilion at Expo '92 in Seville is to be shipped back to Britain and rebuilt on the site of a former rubbish tip in Brent, north London (Rachel Kelly writes).

The glass-and-steel building, which cost £25 million of public money, will become an hotel and the key part of an Asian centre development. Sharad Patel, of Asiansky television, the firm behind the scheme, said there would be shops, a club a theatre, and a 250-space car park.

Asiansky bought the pavilion from the government for an undisclosed sum. It won ten awards including the 1992 British Construction Industry Award for one of the best new British buildings worldwide.

The company will have the building dismantled and shipped back at a cost of £10 million. Planning permission for the scheme, at Park Royal on the North Circular Road, has been granted.

Tax breaks provide extra homes for rent

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

MORE than 7,000 of the estimated 70,000 repossessed homes on the market over the past six weeks have been transferred to the private rented sector with the help of a government scheme.

Building societies including the National & Provincial, Bradford & Bingley and Leeds Permanent have used the Business Expansion Scheme to have repossessed stock taken off their hands. They were previously debarred from doing so by the Building Societies Commission, which earlier this year changed its rule to allow building societies to use BES.

BES companies, funded by private individuals who take advantage of the tax breaks available, buy properties from the lender and let them with assured tenancies. The lender buys back the houses after five years.

Owen Inskip, managing director of Johnson Fry Property, which manages rented property on behalf of six of the largest lenders now using BES, describes it as one of the largest ever transfers of stock from home ownership to private renting.

"If this trend continues, we could see 20,000 repossessed homes transferred to the private rented sector by the end of the year, when BES ends. Recyling these properties not only helps to put a floor on house prices, but also fulfils a pressing need for rented housing."

Mr Inskip dismissed criticism last week from Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, who said such schemes "turned the misery of repossession into a tax avoidance opportunity for the very rich". Mr Brown has called for an end to the practice.

"Mr Brown fails to take account of all the admirable aspects of these schemes," Mr Inskip said. "It makes excellent sense to combine private capital with government funding to start moving the housing market forward."

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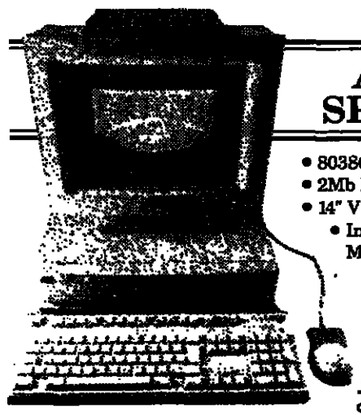

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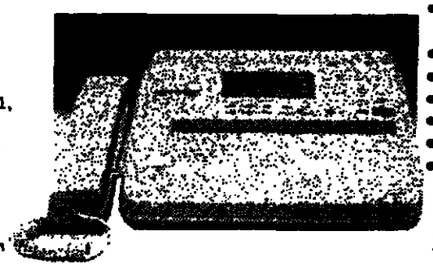

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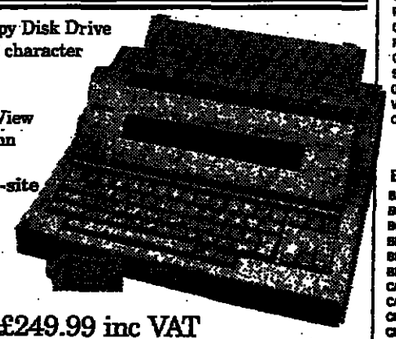

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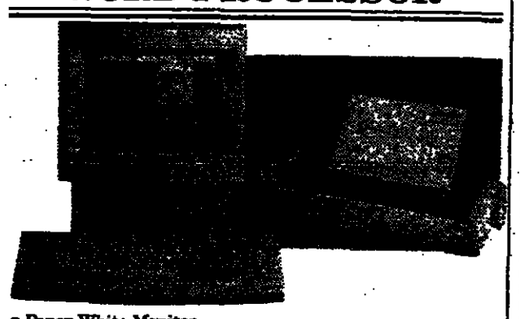

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Creating a superstate is the way to destroy Europe

■ Economic growth is a faulty measure of progress. Look at America, says Sir James Goldsmith in the fourth of Channel 4's *Opinions* series, to see how a society can be materially rich but in deep trouble. Government policies designed to create one big wealthy Europe will, in practice, make our individual societies poorer and less stable

Economic growth is the way to measure success, and science and technology are its principal tools. hat is the basis of modern ought, but I question it. The leading modern society, nerica, has produced the eatest surge in economic owth and material prosperi- in history. In the past 50 ars, its gross domestic prod- t (GNP) has grown in nstant, inflation-adjusted llars from $1.5 trillion to .9 trillion dollars. American ience and technology have hieved incredible innova- ns. And yet, American soci- y is deeply ill.

Britain and other Western cieties have succeeded be- nd their dreams in the past years, but they are in deep uble. Perhaps success can- ot just be measured in eco- mic terms. Perhaps nat- nal recovery is not just a roduct of economic growth.

As America is the remaining perpower and most of the orld, more particularly Brit- in, seems to be turning to her s an example, I will do kewise. Many Americans nd to believe that science can nravel all problems and that e whole world is some sort of uzzle that modern technology an analyse and measure. Measurement rather than wis- om has become the preferred ol and this can lead to some erious mistakes.

For example, GNP is the fficial index of a nation's rosperity. If a natural calami- y strikes, the immediate im- act is growth in GNP, as ndustry gears up to repair the amage. If crime explodes, NP grows as police forces re expanded and more pris- ns are constructed. So GNP s not a measure of success or ontentment; just a measure of ctivity, good or bad.

American cities that are acked with crime, drug tak- ng, alocholism, suicide and amily breakdown are, accord- ng to official figures, consid- red "richer" than many oorer cities elsewhere in the orld which are still rich in tability and contentment.

My second example of mea- uring rather than under- tanding is the belief that a eographic space, once popu- ated, becomes a nation: the elief that you can bring ogether all sorts of people rom all sorts of cultural and thnic backgrounds and create a nation. In reality, a nation is omething very different. It is he common culture, identity and traditions which create a nation's heritage and consti- ute a vital pillar of its stability. And that community of spirit takes a long time to develop.

Not to understand the dif- ference between a populated space, a state and a nation leads to policies which create social breakdown, misery and ethnic conflict. That will be the case whatever the growth in GNP.

My third example concerns geographical mobility. People, it is believed, should move to jobs rather than the reverse. But this shows deep ignorance of how human societies work.

In a stable society, each member of a family has a role in the upbringing of the children, as have their friends. But if, to find work, the mother, father and children are forced to move, then the influences that help to educate the children are transformed and the function of relatives is diminished. Often this function is transferred to schools which, themselves, are in deep moral crisis.

The elders who have been left behind regroup in special retirement cities, and the children become more anonymous within impersonal communities. Society begins to disaggregate. In particularly severe cases, when the families break down, the children seek alternative families and find surrogate relatives in urban gangs.

People who speak of reducing urban crime just by increasing the size of the police force confuse causes and symptoms. The police, no matter how good, can only control the symptoms. We create the disease by failing to understand the longer term results of our own actions.

The whole of our culture has been deformed by the modern method of thought. Let me try to propose some practical solutions.

First, when assessing new ideas, new plans and political programmes, go further than just attempting to analyse their effects on economic growth. You should also try to understand their longer term effects on the stability of society. Of course, we need economic prosperity, but economic growth is valuable only if it contributes to the *stability* of a community.

Second, protect the nation and do not let anyone transform it into a populated space in the face of ever-increasing pressures to open the gates. Article 123 of the Maastricht treaty states: "It shall aim ... to increase their geographical ... mobility within the Community." This is not just allowing mobility, but actively encouraging and subsidising it. It is not the way to create Europe, but to destroy it.

Outside Europe, population is exploding and vast numbers of people are being uprooted. Tragically, we are responsible. Ill-conceived international treaties like Gatt will have devastating consequences on the stability of society. The dual effects of exploding population and its systematic uprooting will lead to mass movements of peoples which will engulf those nations too weak to protect themselves.

People who confuse Europe with the United States of America forget that that great state was formed by immigration. They were starting from scratch; we are the opposite. Our populations have deep national roots, which is a wonderful strength as long as we do not attempt to shuffle people like a pack of cards.

Europe must build on the strength, cultures and traditions of each nation and each

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must retain the overwhelming majority of its existing power to govern itself. The powers that are transferred to the centre must be principally those necessary to co-ordinate defence, diplomacy, environmental protection and trade. That was what "subsidiarity" was supposed to be all about: transferring to the centre only those responsibilities which could not be assumed at national level.

Alas, "subsidiarity" has become, to some degree, a disguise behind which lurks the centralising lust of the European bureaucrat. To centralise would be a disaster. Vast groupings of international peoples governed by great central administrations are not stable, as we have seen in the Soviet Union and to some degree in the US. Brussels should not be either the Kremlin or Washington.

Perhaps the major centalising dynamic of the Maastricht treaty is the proposal for a single currency. Its damage goes far beyond the economy. To understand the effects of a single currency imposed uniformly on both rich and poor regions, look at Italy and Germany.

The economy of northern Italy is highly competitive where that of the south is not. The unemployed southeners move north to seek work and to stem this migration, Italians subsidised investment in the south to create jobs there. To do this, they formed special institutions such as the *Cassa del Mezzogiorno* and its successors, through which were channelled massive transfers of funds to the south. The policy failed. Much of the investment went into useless bureaucratic mega-projects and much was stolen or diverted for political purposes.

Instead of generating employment, the subsidies generated corruption. They also failed to stem migration, which continued to deracinate southern communities and to overpopulate and destabilise those in the north.

This fiasco caused a great resentment in northern Italy, resulting in the formation of the Lombardy League, a political party whose platform is to separate the north from the remainder of Italy. It has become the leading party in its region, with similar leagues emerging in Tuscany and Venice.

The subsidies and migration have taken place within the same nation. Nonetheless, they have aroused strong separatist passions. Imagine how much more resentment would be generated if they took place in entirely different nations such as between Greece and the Netherlands or between Spain and Germany.

It must be obvious that the imposition of a single currency would unleash centrifugal forces that would tear Europe apart. But, alas, our centralising bureaucrats are unable or unwilling to understand.

A piece of advice. Campaign actively for the right to vote in a referendum on Maastricht, then vote against it. Then campaign actively in favour of a strong Europe based on its constituent nations.

My fourth and last point concerns the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which looks as though it is just promoting world trade and economic growth, but which inevitably will cause immense harm. The Gatt negotiations, as they affect agriculture, propose that nations would be prohibited from limiting the volume of imported agricultural products. The idea is that the inefficient agriculture of some countries would be forced either to modernise or to be replaced by the products of other nations which already have implemented modern and "efficient" methods.

It sounds all very logical, but we need to define and understand what is meant by "efficient". It is generally accepted that large, mechanised farms using modern scientific methods produce more food, more cheaply, for the benefit of the economy and of people throughout the world. But this conclusion is based on one-dimensional thinking.

When people leave the land, they gravitate to the cities. If there are insufficient jobs, there will be increased unemployment. And if there is insufficient infrastructure, such as schools, houses and hospitals, then there will be a need for substantial new capital expenditure. These costs must be taken into account when calculating the financial benefits of so-called intensive agriculture.

But there is a deeper price. When people are forced to move from the countryside to the towns, both the countryside and the towns are destabilised. The famous *favellas* of Brazil, the slums of such mega-towns as Rio de Janeiro, did not exist before the Green Revolution which was supposed to eradicate hunger throughout the world by applying science to agriculture and thereby increasing output.

Change often produces unexpected results. Large mechanised, scientific farms did produce more food per person directly employed, but those no longer employed were chased into towns, creating vast urban concentrations with their attendant slums. As they were uprooted not only from their homes but also from their cultures and families, the refugees and their children were reduced to dependence on welfare and crime.

Now the mega-towns and their slums are blamed for the economic and social collapse of whole nations. We have forgotten that we created them.

The Gatt proposals would do even greater damage. By preventing nations from protecting their farmers, rural communities throughout the world would be washed away as if by flood. Whole populations would be uprooted and swept into urban slums. In the world as a whole, the rural population consists of about 3.1 billion people. Let us suppose that as a percentage of total population, it were to be reduced to the levels that already exist in the "new" farming countries such as Australia and Canada.

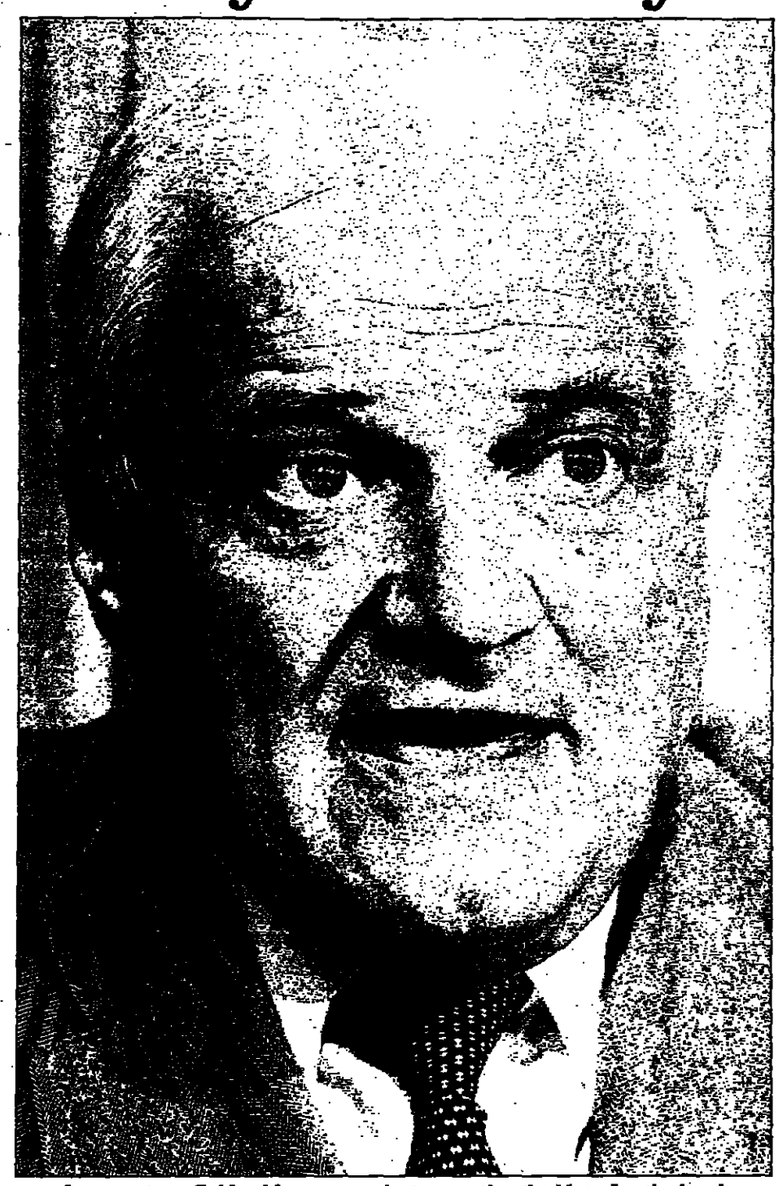
The result would be migration from the land to the towns of about 2.1 billion people, figures which worsen as the world's population grows. As the affected nations become ungovernable and impoverished, so their people will be forced to seek refuge elsewhere. Mass migration will follow, and do not think that any nation would remain unaffected by vast movements of uprooted and tragic peoples.

In our one-dimensional search for growth in GNP, we systematically undermine societies, create unemployment and then spend our time dealing with the symptoms. Money, although necessary to alleviate pain, solves no fundamental problems. It deals with symptoms not causes.

As Professor Walter Williams of George Mason University has pointed out, the money spent in the US on poverty programmes since the 1960s could have bought the entire assets of the 500 largest companies in America "plus virtually all the US farm land. And what did it do? The problems still remain and they are even worse."

We all know in our bones that we are going in the wrong direction. We also know that the present British government finds fundamental thought difficult. That is why its actions, unintentionally, are often deeply irresponsible. How I wish there were a valid Opposition worthy of support. Alas, the present Opposition still seems unable to shake off decisively the romantic, but failed, illusions of socialism.

Britain is in the unenviable position of having reached the end of an era. Only a few years ago, it seemed that the problems and their solutions were clear: roll back the state, bring the trade unions under the control of the law, allow people to benefit from their work and let the North Sea produce its riches. All that was absolutely vital, and accomplished with extraordinary courage. But as we see today, it was not enough.



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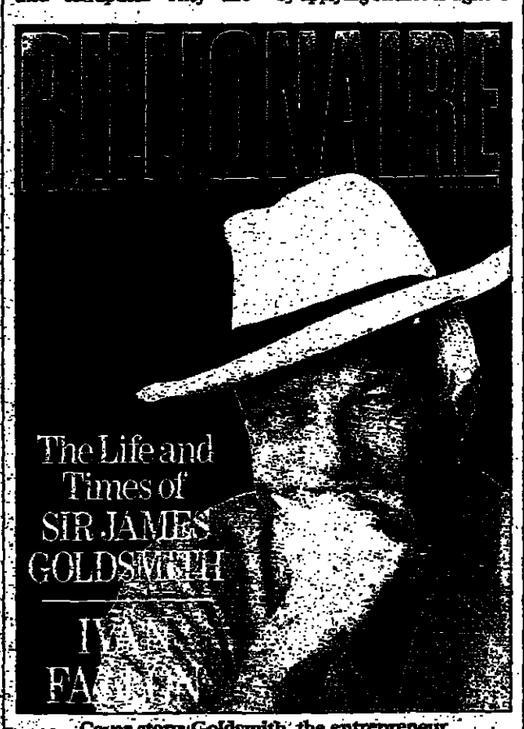

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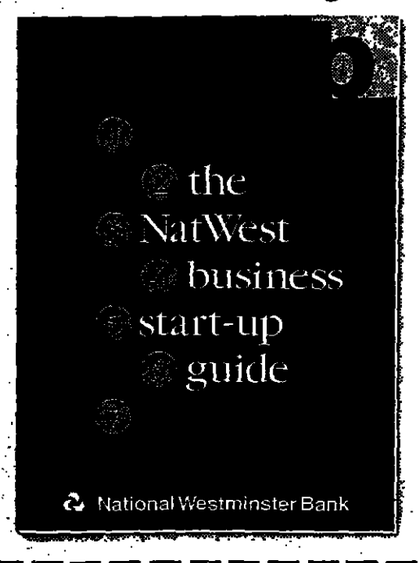

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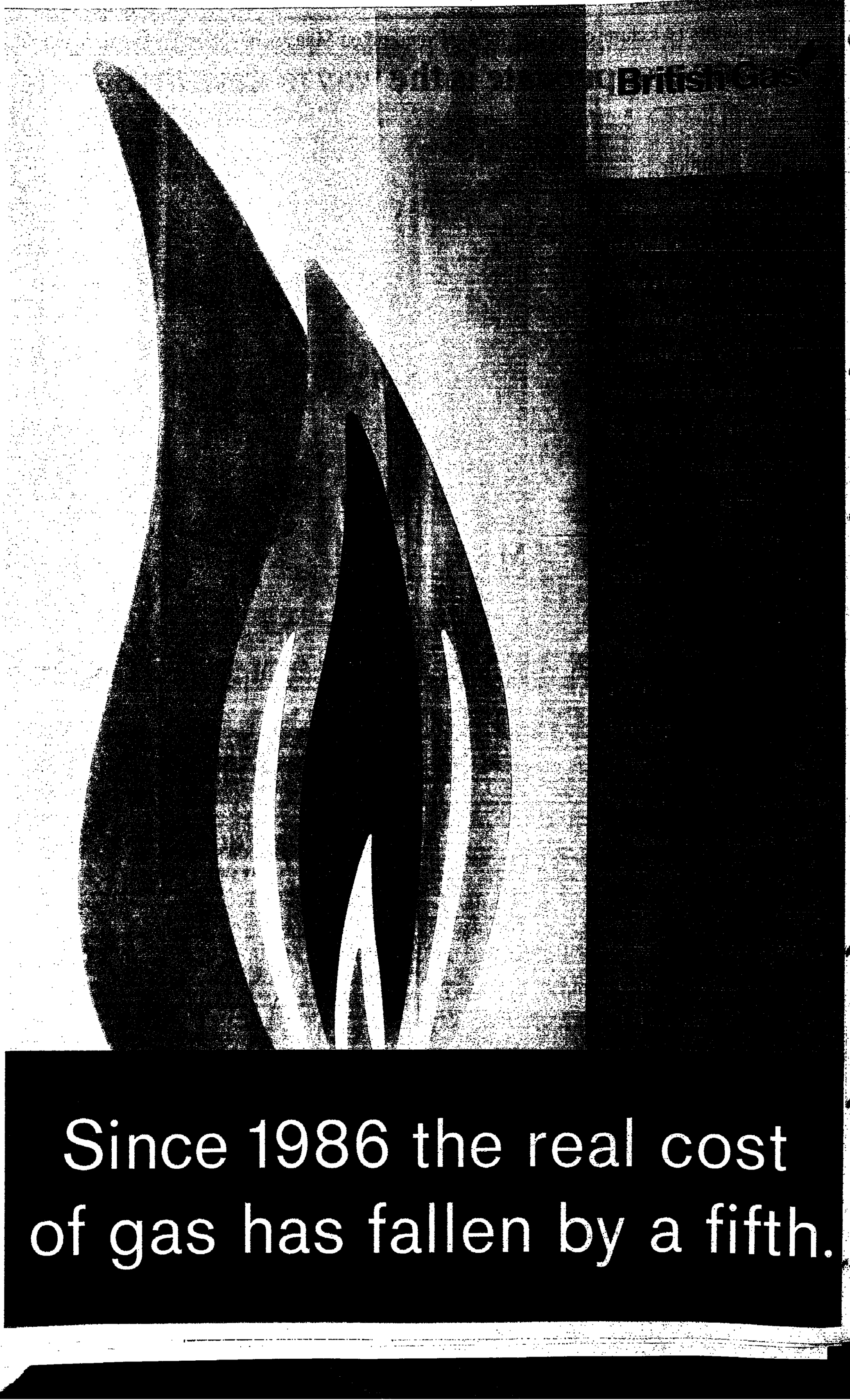

Clarke will review system of heavier fines for the better off

Clarke confirmed review last week

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

THE Home Secretary is to review the new system of fining people according to their means. His decision follows controversy over heavy penalties being imposed — some in excess of two thousand pounds — for road traffic offences.

Last week a pensioner convicted of drinking and driving for the first time was fined £3,200. Norman Smith, 65, a retired agricultural consultant from Hutton, Humberside, was angry that a second-time offender had been fined £76 by the same court, and publicised his complaint thorugh a full-page advertisement in his local paper.

Last November a teacher was fined £2,800 for drinking and driving, and this month a motorist who left his car on a yellow line while he went to fetch water for its overheated engine was fined £500.

Justices' clerks are expressing concern that the scheme, under which offenders of varying means paying widely differing sums for the same offence, is not working as intended. Although they agree that those who are better off should be fined more, there is concern that middle-income offenders are being hit excessively hard because the scheme is not being run in the way it was tested before the legislation came into force in October.

There are other perceived injustices. There is minimal checking of offenders' means, benefiting those willing to lie about their income.

Chris, a computer analyst who was fined £1,328 for drink-driving, said: "My criticism is that this system depends on the defendant filling in the form. Someone else might have been less honest and been fined a much smaller figure."

Capital is not considered, so someone with a huge property but no income can be fined a pittance, and the scheme does not cover crown courts, so an appeal can lead to a very different fine.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, confirmed last week in a parliamentary answer that the system of means-related fines would be monitored and reviewed along with the rest of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which is also coming under criticism. The review is expected to lead to changes, including greater flexibility in assessing the net disposable income of those who are better off.

Under the new scheme the seriousness of an offence is calculated in units. These are then multiplied by an offender's net disposable income, which is set within a range of £4 to £100. Magistrates are worried that too many offenders are reaching the top £100 per unit under the present method of calculation, so that people earning £15,000 to £20,000 a year would fall into the top bracket and be liable to fines of £1,000 for minor offences.

A spokesman for the justices' clerks said: "As with any large piece of legislation, we would look at it to see that it is doing what is intended. It's only five months old. It may be we can take a snap-shot picture at six months."

The reported instances of very high fines were a tiny proportion of the penalties being imposed every day across the country. However, he added: "I would not rule out some sort of fine tuning, although we — and magistrates — accept the principle that higher income should generate higher fines."

☐ Magistrates have been told of a campaign to reduce the severity of injuries from violent attacks in pubs and clubs by introducing toughened glassware. Research in Avon and south east London has shown that about 10 per cent of injuries are caused through assaults using broken bar glasses.

Writing in *The Magistrate* magazine Professor J. Shepherd, professor of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery, says that the Home Office has estimated that between 3,400 and 5,500 attacks using glass asa weapon are recorded each year in England and Wales. An application for a new British Standard has been submitted to the British Standards Institution and it is hoped all pint glasses will carry the "kite" mark.

School standards rise as teachers carry out reforms

By John O'Leary
Education Correspondent

■ Inspectors report that children are faring better in three out of four subjects since the advent of the national curriculum

CLASSROOM standards are beginning to rise as schools adjust to the national curriculum, inspectors say today in a wide-ranging assessment of the government's main education reforms.

Separate reports on English, mathematics, science and technology indicate that the rate of progress varies between subjects and age groups. But observation of more than 7,000 lessons in 1991-2 persuades Her Majesty's Inspectors that teachers are working hard to implement the new curriculum.

Secondary school standards had risen in English, mathematics and science and previous improvements in primary schools had been sustained.

Technology was the main blackspot, the inspectors reporting that standards in the subject remained low and much of the work was undemanding. Four out of ten design and technology lessons in secondary schools and more than a quarter in primary schools were unsatisfactory. Few staff were able to teach the full range of higher level work in the subject.

The technology curriculum, which, according to the inspectors, teachers found confusing and difficult to interpret, had since been revised. Despite the shortcomings, most pupils were found to enjoy the subject.

The inspectors' verdict on English conflicts with the analysis of last year's pilot tests for 14-year-olds, which John Patten, the education secretary, made public last week. While Mr Patten said that the tests showed a third of 14-year-olds had a reading age of nine or ten, the inspectors declare standards of reading to be "broadly satisfactory".

Although it says the pace of improvement in English has slowed in primary schools, the report notes progress was being made between 11 and 14: secondary schools were placing more emphasis on reading, and 80 per cent of primary school work on reading was satisfactory or better.

Standards in writing were weaker in all age groups and the inspectors are critical of the material chosen by some teachers. "The reading of pre-20th century writing was often limited to Shakespeare and Dickens. In some schools, abridged or simplified editions of the classics were used, raising the question of what exactly counts as worthwhile pre-20th century literature."

Primary school standards suffered where those in charge failed to give a clear lead on the teaching of standard English. The National Curriculum Council's new proposals on the subject would strengthen the requirement to teach standard English at all ages.

In mathematics, too, standards had improved in the early years of secondary education. There was a strong emphasis on number work and pencil and paper calculations. About two thirds of lessons in the subject were satisfactory or better, although fewer than one in 20 were regarded as "very good".

Poor continuity between primary and secondary schools is blamed for a significant proportion of lessons for 12-year-olds being pitched at too low a level. The inspectors say that matching work to the abilities and attainments of pupils is the most important factor in teaching.

Science teaching had improved in primary schools, where about three quarters of lessons were satisfactory or better. Between 11 and 14, successive years of improvement had been sustained and there was more setting by ability. Able pupils benefited most and those of lower ability were often given inappropriate work.

Overall, the inspectors spoke of "encouraging signs that schools are adjusting to the demands of the national curriculum, but much remains to be done, particularly in using information from assessment to plan future work."

☐ Head teachers have appealed to Mr Patten not to rely on them to break the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers' testing boycott. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, told Mr Patten in a letter that heads would not be willing to direct other teachers to do boycotted work and could not be expected to insist on assessment or testing if the industrial action would produce a "flawed picture" of their school.

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Landlords get tough with the travellers

By James Dettmer

THE Right Honourable Henry George Reginald Molyneux Herbert, Earl of Carnarvon, the Queen's racing manager, is going to county court today; or rather the security officer from his 10,000-acre estate straddling the Berkshire-Hampshire border is.

The defendants, described in the summons as "persons unknown", will, like his lordship, elect not to show up. After all, the outcome of the case is not in doubt.

Kate, Paddy, Scottie, Matt, four other adults and five children — the "persons unknown" — have other things to do. They will be loading their ancient and battered British Leyland double-decker bus and their rusty cars and discoloured caravans in preparation for eviction from a small field near the village of Burghclere and next to the A34 on the outskirts of Newbury.

Today's eviction will be the tenth that the group has faced since Christmas. Last week they were evicted from the estate of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber. With Berkshire and Hampshire county councils reluctant to find an official site, despite a plea on the travellers' behalf from a senior Conservative MP, the future looks bleak for them.

"I know we are trespassing and we can't really be left alone, but we have tried everything, every bit of empty land — tips, council land, fallow fields," Paddy said.

Before winter has returned, many other county courts, landowners and so-called New Age travellers will be brought together in a spring and summer season of legal actions.

Last week Home Office ministers appeared keen to keep the promises they made at the last Conservative conference to deal with travellers. Within the next few weeks, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is likely to announce public order proposals to deal with travellers and "ravers" who camp at illegal mass festivals.

Ministers are considering introducing a criminal offence of trespass, and might remove obligations on councils to provide official sites for travellers. The travellers' bush telegraph is abuzz with talk that this summer could prove even more confrontational than last year.

Since last summer's rave parties and the accompanying unsympathetic press coverage of the travellers, life on the open road has become increasingly difficult. Local tolerance to the travellers has been in distinctly short supply. Councils that had been ready to turn a blind eye to small encampments on common land have become quicker in enforcing bylaws and moving travellers on. With the growth in recent years of the number of those permanently on the road — the government estimates that there are 40,000 — sites, official and otherwise, have been harder to come by. Every jump in the unemployment figures spills a few more on to the road.

With headlines such as "Sponging scum" (*Daily Star*) and "Defiant giro hippies milk system for cash on the hoof" (*The Sunday Times*) it is not surprising, the travellers say, that the public views them all as unwashed layabouts who would rather go to a good rave than work for a living. The appearance of the typical New Age traveller — Afro or Mohican haircut, torn jersey, blackened blue jeans and army fatigues — does not help to calm public fears.

Sitting by a small wood fire at the weekend on a site nestling in the hills around Hannington, several young travellers expressed frustration at what they argue are crude portrayals of their non-conformist way of life. "I would like the press to come up here and see that we are ordinary people, not savages," Jason, an articulate 22-year-old who plans to go to university, said.

Steve, another traveller, said: "What I would like to know is, what are they frightened of? This is a good option for us. What are we going to do in town without a job? It is better being here than in some council block in east London. Here we have fresh air, a sense of freedom, we can be ourselves."

The half a dozen youngsters around the fire scorned the idea that they were hippies or believers in New Age mysticism. "We've not got a label. That's the main point about being on the road," Steve said.

For landowners, the simplicity of the travellers' arguments does not wash. "It is becoming untenable for everybody. I was driving through the countryside the other day on a coach and looking over the hedgerows, and I could see that on farm after farm barricades have been erected to stop trespassers," Lord Carnarvon said. "It is very expensive to get travellers off your land and I'm getting worried about the aggro that is starting to become apparent from local people towards travellers."

For Paddy, Kate and the small group preparing to leave Lord Carnarvon's land, the hatred of many of the locals is all too apparent.

Yesterday, dozens of the villagers at Burghclere went on a walk to check that access to all fields was blocked.

JULIAN HERBERT

Cold comfort: travellers such as this child camped near Newbury face court actions

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kidney girl needs new operation

Laura Davies, 4, was yesterday preparing to return to America to have her spleen removed, following her liver and bowel transplant last year.

Fran Davies, Laura's mother, said at the family's home in Eccles, Greater Manchester: "After Laura recovered from her operation last year we thought we'd put the worst behind us. We have to realise that this is just another step along her road to recovery."

Laura's spleen became damaged when she suffered liver failure. Hospital tests have shown that it has swollen to twice its normal size and is destroying her red blood cells. She will be kept in hospital for a week and will have to spend six weeks in America.

Five hurt in hunt clashes

At least five anti-hunt protestors were hurt at a meet on a private country estate on Saturday. Mark Holford, 23, suffered a broken wrist when a vehicle was driven at a group of saboteurs who were trying to disrupt a meet of the Hursley and Hambledon Foxhounds near Alderbury, Wiltshire.

Mark Delmen received face injuries when a fence post was hurled through the window of the van he was in as it drove through a group of hunt followers. A gamekeeper said that he was attacked by a saboteur wearing a balaclava mask.

Youths charged

Two teenagers will appear before magistrates in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, today charged with the attempted murder of Robert Lawson, who clung to the bonnet of his car to stop it being stolen. They have also been charged with theft of the car and motoring offences.

Medal stolen

A solid gold league championship winners' medal has been stolen from Manchester United's museum. It had been lent by the family of Mark Jones, one of the team who died in the Munich air disaster in 1958.

Gibson defaced

An oil painting of Wing Commander Guy Gibson VC, who led the Dambusters raid, has been vandalised in Helston, Cornwall. Three ratings from a Royal Navy helicopter base have been questioned by detectives.

Doing a ton

Bramcote preparatory school, Scarborough, is marking its 100th anniversary by leasing a racehorse. Eighty parents, staff and old boys of the school have invested about £50 each in the filly Bramcote Centenary.

High rise raid

A bakery manager is intensive care after being shot in the stomach by raiders who used ladders to reach the first floor of a wholesalers in Oldbury, West Midlands.

Mail robbery

Muggers robbed a postman of mail containing several thousand pounds, in Scunthorpe. Police have linked the robbery to a similar incident in the town in January.

House call

Householders at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, are to be given three minutes to put their case when they apply for council planning permission.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly Premium Bond draw are: £100,000, bond 9TW 756891, winner from Surrey (value of holding, £2,550); £50,000, 1JS 534669, Northumberland (£123); £25,000, 10JK 232052, Lichfield (£4,090).

Hard rock gets the soft sell

By Joe Joseph

IF YOU feel your wardrobe is incomplete without Sid Vicious's studded leather accessories or that your mantlepiece looks bare without Cecil B. De Mille's Golden Globe award for best director for his 1952 film *The Greatest Show On Earth*, today offers the opportunity you need.

Isaac Tigrett, who founded the Hard Rock Café in London in 1971, is auctioning the remainder of his private collection of rock memorabilia in California to raise money for a foundation for musical studies in American schools. Mr Tigrett, who sold his share of the café chain in 1988, reckons the value of the knick-knacks that decorated Hard Rock cafés around the world was $50 million (£3.5 million).

Most of the proceeds, estimated at $200,000 to $300,000 (£142,000 to £214,000), will go to the foundation. Mr Tigrett will keep an unspecified amount for himself.

John Lennon's handwritten lyrics for *Instant Karma* could fetch $50,000 (£36,000). An acetate of the second song the Rolling Stones recorded, but did not release, is estimated at $10,000 to $15,000 (£7,000 to £11,000). Many might covet Bob Dylan's autographed harmonica. And if you feel lost without the white jacket Sid Vicious wore when he sang *My Way* on stage, and you have $5,000 (£3,800) burning a hole in your pocket, the auction offers a rare chance to make a stab at happiness.

Children of eight 'need drink advice'

By Michael McCarthy

SCHOOLS should teach children about the effects of alcohol from the age of eight, says Dr John Rae, the former headmaster of Westminster School, London.

The national curriculum for pupils aged eight to eleven should include a syllabus covering the reasons for drinking and its dangers, the law on drinking, the strengths of various drinks and where to turn for advice, he said. Dr Rae is director of the Portman Group, set up by the drinks industry to promote responsible drinking.

Formal guidance in primary schools was necessary because young people were drinking earlier than 30 years ago, partly because parents were introducing them to it and partly because alcohol was more easily available, he said.

Although key stage one of the curriculum called for children aged five to seven to be aware of "the harmful effect on health resulting from abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs", there was such no requirement in key stage two, covering ages eight to eleven, when most children were introduced to it.

It was important that education about alcohol did not imply that drinking was normal. "We must teach that there is nothing wrong with living a life with no alcohol."

Rae: "Nothing wrong in life without drink"

Government offices accused of 'shambolic' fire precautions

By Tony Dawe

THE government's own safety managers have accused it of putting thousands of lives at risk because of the "shambolic" way it organises fire prevention in its buildings.

The managers said that safety had ceased to be a priority in many government departments, which were now responsible for their own fire precautions, and that they were "greatly aggrieved at what is going on". The departments cannot be prosecuted for their failings because their buildings are Crown properties and enjoy immunity from the law.

Civil service unions have joined firemen and MPs in calling for an end to Crown immunity from fire regulations. Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West and a former minister, has accused government departments of "sheltering behind Crown immunity" and of "deliberate, calculated and cynical complacency" in their responsibility for those who work in government.

John Howard, of the Institute of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, said: "The real scandal is that government departments do not do enough to heed fire regulations and that some of the people they use to advise on fire safety are not competent to do so."

He was speaking on behalf of some safety managers, who do not wish to be named for fear of official reprisals. They said that one consultant carried out a fire survey of a government building in north London found that the alarms were not working. He issued portable alarms as a replacement instead of ordering the department concerned to mend the alarm system. When the staff complained, the department's response was that it had done what the consultant had advised and refused to take further action.

One manager said that fire precautions in Baynards House, Notting Hill, west London, demonstrated the differing approaches of government departments. Most of the building serves as the headquarters of the Health and Safety Executive and was well protected, but he added: "You enter a different world when you pass through the door which leads into the part of the building occupied by the social security department. I am not saying it is dangerous, it just does not have the same safety standards."

Some departments have requested Home Office permission to use local authority fire brigades for advice, but this has been refused because the brigades have no right of entry or enforcement powers in Crown properties. "This is penalising government workers," Mr Howard said. He added that the position had worsened since the break-up of the Property Services Agency (PSA) team of fire inspectors, which was disbanded when the agency was privatised. The 88-strong team regularly inspected government buildings and advised on fire safety measures.

Only five of the inspectors still work for the government, in the property holdings section of the environment department, where they issue and update a firecode. "They can only make suggestions and nobody knows what individual departments they are actually inspecting," Mr Howard said.

The Home Office fire services inspectorate only deals with the issue of fire certificates for Crown properties and does not oversee all buildings, as the PSA inspectors used to do.

"It is a complete muddle," Terry Glossop, chief fire officer of Gwent, said. "The Home Office must be given a strengthened role in co-ordinating fire safety legislation which currently involves several departments, many of which produce differing codes of practice."

Mr Glossop, chairman of the fire prevention committee of the fire chiefs' association, welcomed the review of fire safety legislation announced last week by the Home Office and said he hoped it would lead to the removal of Crown immunity and greater powers for local authority fire services.

Voters reject new 15% tax

Labor wins record fifth Canberra term

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN ELECTION

AUSTRALIAN voters have returned the Labor government of Paul Keating in a bitterly fought federal election, defying opinion poll and media predictions of a victory for the conservative Liberal-National opposition.

Mr Keating stunned even his own party, winning his first federal election as Labor leader to give the party a record consecutive fifth term. The prime minister's victory comes in the face of a recession, record unemployment of more than a million, and an initial 25 per cent popularity rating when he ousted Bob Hawke a year ago. By last night, Labor was expected to win 79 seats to the opposition's 66, and independents' two, indicating a swing to Labor of about 2 per cent.

"This is the sweetest victory of all," Mr Keating told a rapturous crowd in his home constituency in western Sydney claiming the election on Saturday night. *His sentiment echoed* the intense ideological and personal rivalry between himself and John Hewson, the *Liberal leader. He told supporters* in the Bankstown sports club: "It's a tremendous victory of all those who've got imagination and faith, for people who are not going to let good be put asunder for essentially miserable ideas that divide the place up."

The opposition has been shattered by its losses, and the leadership of Dr Hewson is in question after voters rejected his commitment to introduce a 15 per cent goods and services tax (GST), and industrial relations reforms backed with criminal penalties. *Yesterday Dr Hewson scrapped* his party's proposal for the tax. He is to seek re-election as Liberal leader this week.

Dr Hewson said yesterday: "The GST I think will go; if anything, this election was a referendum in the end on the GST, and the people of Australian have spoken on the GST. They don't want it."

A Hewson triumph had been tipped right until the polls closed on Saturday, and the first signs of a swing to *Labor came from Tasmania.* The television pundits were so surprised that at first they did not believe their own computer predictions. Traditional Liberal voters had apparently rejected radical change in favour of the slow economic recovery Mr Keating insists is under way. In hard times, people were afraid of Liberal proposals to cut public spending.

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Winning team: Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, with his wife Anita, saluting supporters in Sydney as Labor defied pollsters to get back into power

True believers point way to Keating return

BY ROBERT COCKBURN

Beaming with delight, and *hiding any surprise* as her husband prepared to claim victory before his roaring home crowd, Anita Keating explained the miracle: "The Australian people are not silly."

After a lonely campaign — just about everyone in Australia, including his own aides, believed a Liberal win was inevitable — Paul Keating returned on Saturday night to the Bankstown sports club in his western Sydney constituency to await the final verdict. Nobody there, however, gave up hope.

"Mr Keating, the "Bankstown Boy", comes from this working-class suburb and is familiar with those who play the club's "pokies" (poker machines) and drink beer at a dollar a glass. "Paul's straight and he's honest. I love him," said Valerie Bronner, 66, an election scrutineer who has known him since childhood. In Australia they are called the "true believers", Labor party supporters who never say die.

As the media gathered for Mr Keating's defeat, the locals packed the clubs to watch the election coverage from around the country on a giant television screen. Their faith was about to be confirmed. Labor's first unexpected gain brought applause, then thunderous cheers as victory slowly unfolded across Australia's many time zones, *ending in Western Australia* where Labor had expected a collapse.

Upstairs, the club's executive offices and boardroom were taken over by the prime minister and his innermost circle of supporters, glued to computer screens and just daring to begin the celebrations. Here, Mr Keating, the master of public invective, is quiet, affectionate and gets hugged by male and female party workers. This is Mr Keating's Australia. He has surrounded himself with people from the arts, the world of film, and writers.

Guiding the night's public presentation was Baz Luhrmann, director of the highly successful Australian film *Strictly Ballroom*, a suburban Sydney fairytale of an odd couple who win against all odds. Tara Morice, its star, drinks at the bar with friends.

Mr Keating is particularly close to Bob Ellis, the writer, *whose family home was burnt* to a cinder the day he launched a scathing satirical book against John Hewson, the opposition leader. *It was* taken as a bad omen. But sipping a bottle of beer, Mr Ellis said: "The threat of a descent into the barbarism of Thatcherite greed has passed. The Australian public once again has proved that, alone among the English-speaking world, they are not fools."

Mr Ellis was with Robert Lawrence, the Falklands war veteran who alleged British attempts to hide the conflict's human cost in the BBC drama *Tumbledown*. Now a Sydney film producer, Mr Lawrence said: "Having lived through the experiences of Thatcherism and watched my new home facing the policies of the right, I feel the current Labor government in Australia deserved every ounce of support it could get." One of Mr Keating's election pledges is to make Australia a republic, doing away with the Queen as head of state by 2001.

At 11pm, the computers said it was safe enough to claim victory. Mr Keating's close friend and adviser on women's affairs, Anne Summers, the feminist and former owner of *Ms and Sassy* magazines in America, led the way. With Mrs Keating, Mr Ellis, Mr Luhrmann and Greg Turnbull, his press secretary, Mr Keating and his small band of true believers headed along the club's dimly lit concrete passageways to wait in the wings of the stage.

The crowd was roaring: "We want Paul." He stepped out into the spotlight and announced: "This is the *sweetest* victory of all." Mr Turnbull watched, shook his head and quietly repeated: "I don't believe it."

Newspapers, most of which had backed Dr Hewson as a certain winner, described the result as miraculous but said that Mr Keating must quickly set his government to restoring economic prosperity and creating jobs.

"Keating back from the dead," the Sydney *Sunday Telegraph* said. "After ten years of Labor, the worst recession in 60 years and more than one million people unemployed, yesterday's poll was one that the coalition should have won," the newspaper added.

"Keating *miracle*," the main headline in Sydney's *Sun-Herald* said. "The single most important reason for Labor's success yesterday is negative: a public backlash against the opposition's proposal to introduce a goods and services tax. Now that Labor has been returned to office, Mr Keating must move decisively to address the critical problems, like unemployment, which are leaving deep scars across Australia's social landscape."

How the underdogs chewed credibility of opinion pundits

FROM DAVID BUTLER IN MELBOURNE

THE commentators and the Labor leaders went to the national tally room in Canberra on Saturday expecting a Liberal-National opposition victory, though some opinion polls suggested otherwise.

In a remarkable night, however, during which 18 of the 147 seats in the House changed hands, Labor's gains exceeded those of the coalition. There was a swing of 2 per cent to Paul Keating's government, which will probably end up with a 11-seat majority — previously it had a nine-seat lead — although four or five seats may remain in doubt for some days and one area does not vote until April 17.

In all cases, there was a vote against the party that has ruled each state. Labor made gains in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania. The variation on the mainland was not great, ranging from a 4 per cent swing to Labor in *Victoria to a 1* per cent swing against it in states including South Australia and Western Australia.

Except for the two successful independents from the last parliament, no other outsiders played a significant role in the House contest, although the Liberals' rural partners, the National party, managed to *gain two or three seats.* In the upper house, where the Democrats have usually won a seat in each state thanks to the proportional representation system, the Democrats only returned one senator. Of the 38 Senate seats at stake on Saturday, 18 each went to Labor and to the opposition. Among the 38 senators who *retain their seats until 1996*, there are five Democrats who will hold the balance of power.

"Labor, in contrast to 1990, *did not do better in marginal* seats, which meant that it did not win as many constituencies as it might have expected to on a 52 per cent of the preferred vote: the opposition achieved 48 per cent. Labor consolidated its position in Melbourne and Sydney where almost half the population live, and in every mainland state its share of the two-party vote lay between 46 and 52 per cent.

Australia has re-elected a rather tired Labor government because, in a brilliant finale to his campaign, Mr *Keating managed to turn* attention from the government's performance to the opposition's proposals. The fightback programme put forward by John Hewson, the Liberal leader, *is being* described, like an earlier British manifesto, as "the longest suicide note in history". In a repeat of last year's British election, the incumbent party, a decade in office, defied an international depression to achieve victory by attacking the opposition's plans to increase taxation.

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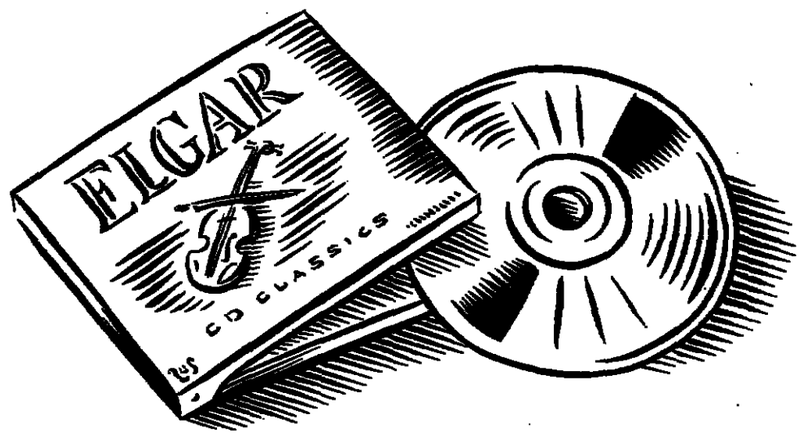
Hewson: tax plans cost *him* electoral victory



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Flooding and snow leave eastern US reeling despite alert

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

■ Much of Florida has yet to recover from last August's hurricane. The weekend's freak storms are not going to help matters

FORECASTERS were quick to see the winds coming and they issued warnings dubbing it "the storm of the century" as early as last Wednesday, but many residents and local authorities were still unprepared for the storms which have killed at least 42 Americans.

"Storm of the century was no understatement," said Fred Ostby of the National Severe Storm Centre in Kansas City. "We have seen all-time records set everywhere," he said.

While some parts of the East Coast, especially north of New York, are used to blizzards and freezing temperatures, states such as Georgia and Florida were less well prepared. The centre of Atlanta shut down almost completely as snow made most roads impassable. In many areas there were no ploughs or salt lorries to tackle the conditions.

Officials in Florida said they prepared as best they could, but many services are still under great strain from the long-term consequences of Hurricane Andrew last August. Among the most vulnerable were people living in mobile homes while their houses are being rebuilt. Caravan parks and tent sites south of Miami were evacuated before the storm struck.

In Homestead, which was one of the areas most badly affected by the hurricane, the storm was just the latest tragedy in a seven-month trail of woe. On Friday the city was told that its air force base is to shut down as part of the Clinton administration's military budget cuts. The base provides 6,000 jobs and has been the focus of the local economy. President Bush had promised to rebuild it.

"For the people of Homestead, it's just another broken promise and more dreams dashed," said Connie Mack, one of Florida's Republican senators.

President Clinton said, however, that he would stand by southern Florida until the clean-up operation following the hurricane is finished. "The physical and mental health of [south Florida] residents is of critical importance to me," he said. "The people of this community need help to cope with the problems that have loomed large in the last six months and that are still ahead," he added.

On Saturday, Mr Clinton announced a $1 billion (£699 million) plan to help south Florida recover from the hurricane, including $76 million to rebuild the runway and control tower at the Homestead base. He also called for debris removal, housing aid and health care for the estimated 5,000 people left homeless by the hurricane.

Despite the weather, 1.5 million people were expected to attend the annual Calle Ocho Cuban carnival in Miami yesterday.

At least five people were killed and 28 injured as storms and freak waves battered west and central Cuba on Saturday, damaging crops and buildings and cutting electricity. Several thousand people were evacuated along the northern coast.

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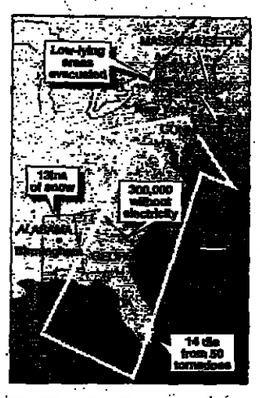
Braving the elements: Kathy Romero, left, falling into the water yesterday as Danny Fauls tried to right their canoe in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The pair were attempting to paddle to a neighbour's house in floods caused by the freak storms that struck the East Coast



Mother Nature goes on warpath

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

MOTHER Nature's unexpected attack on New York left the city's long-suffering inhabitants noticeably more shaken than the recent bomb at the World Trade Centre. All three of the city's international airports were closed, trains stopped running and the central bus station closed, leaving the city almost cut off.

Mario Cuomo, the governor, declared a state of emergency, as did the governors of the neighbouring states of New Jersey and Connecticut.

Mayor David Dinkins, who only days ago was appealing to New Yorkers to continue business as usual despite the World Trade Centre bombing, told citizens to stay indoors. "This advice to our residents: If you don't have to go out, stay home."

As more than a foot of snow blanketed the city, panicking New Yorkers packed supermarkets in search of provisions for a long weekend at home and video shops reported their best day this year.

Motorists abandoned Manhattan's avenues to a few intrepid taxi drivers from countries that do not have snow, who demanded black-market fares because of the conditions. Most sideroads were impassable unless you happened to be driving one of the 1,224 snow snowploughs plying the city streets.

Greenwich village became a battleground for snowballers, Central Park a tobogganer's delight and Fifth Avenue a new route for cross-country skiers. Broadway theatres, which decided that the show must go on, reported a robust turnout — no doubt buoyed by tourists unable to leave town. "It's crazy. I don't know where they're coming from," John Mitchell, of the *Cats* ticket office, said. He added that the house was a better than average 70 per cent full.

The storm immediately entered New York legend as "the Great Blizzard of '93". In fact, the weather did qualify as a blizzard — the first in a decade.

Only one person was slightly injured: a man hit by falling glass blown from a skyscraper on 57th Street. In the three-day blizzard of 1888, by contrast, an estimated 200 people died in New York City, most of them frozen under snowdrifts.

A hundred ships were wrecked and the price of milk soared from two cents to ten cents because of the difficulty of obtaining supplies. Horse-drawn delivery wagons got trapped in the snow.

Insurers catch the eye of the storms

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE blizzards and tornadoes that lashed the east coast of the United States at the weekend have fuelled debate over whether recent storms are a sign of global warming. Meteorologists said yesterday that the storm was more like a summer hurricane with its extremely low pressure.

In the 25 years up to 1987, there were no natural disasters that cost insurers more than $1 billion (£700 million). Between late 1987 and the summer of last year, there were 15 such catastrophes, most of them weather-related and each costing between $1 billion and $20 billion in insurance losses.

This string of climatic events began with the gales that swept Britain and other parts of northwest Europe in October 1987 and culminated last August with Hurricane Andrew and Cyclone Iniki in Florida.

A recent study by Jeremy Leggett, the scientific director of Greenpeace, the environmental pressure group, found that wind storms accounted for ten of these disasters and for 86 per cent of the total insurance losses of $53 billion. He said that increased storm activity could threaten the future viability of the international insurance industry unless the emission of greenhouse gases was curbed. "It is clear that a healthy insurance industry will not be possible in a world in the grip of human-induced climate change."

Losses associated with Hurricane Andrew and Cyclone Iniki put nine insurance companies out of business and Florida had to pass legislation to enable $500 million to be paid in claims to hurricane victims left stranded as a result.

One theory is that global warming, caused by the build-up of carbon dioxide and other gases emitted by the burning of fossil fuels, is raising land and sea temperatures and leading to greater atmospheric instability and more frequent and fierce winds. Seven of the hottest years since records began occurred during the past decade.

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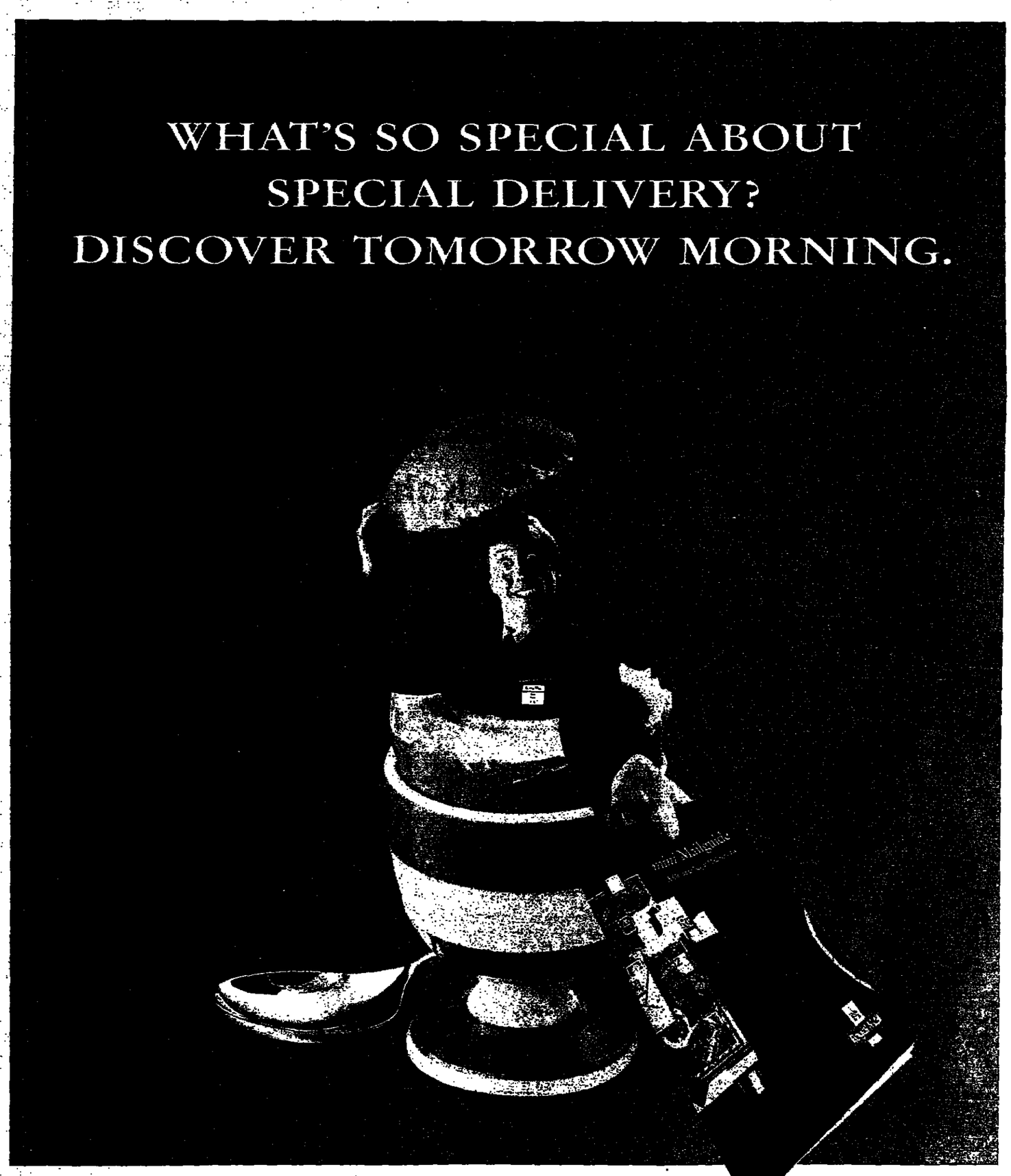

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Lyons bourgeoisie get after-dinner taste of fratricide

Noir: denied receiving money from son-in-law

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

An independent conservative candidate in the city that hates scandal is beset by troubles. His old party says he is a heretic

Charges of fratricide do not make for a pleasant after-dinner chat, especially in a middle-class flat in Lyons, the city that prides itself on its quiet bourgeois manners. So Michel Noir, the mayor and recent meteor in the French political firmament, gets it over quickly as the guests in Patrick Azjenberg's home shift a little in their seats.

"Jacques Chirac thinks there is a chance to get his revenge now that Michel Noir is a bit weakened by the affair of his son-in-law," he explains, speaking of himself in the third person. "But to send one of his men to run against me is going too far. It's fratricidal."

Everyone in the flat overlooking the Rhône knows what the glamorous, 6ft 5in mayor is talking about. Instead of strolling to victory in the safe parliamentary seat he has held since 1978, he is fighting for his political life against a former friend from his Gaullist party.

Lyons, the city which abhors a scandal, has its hands full of them as M Noir seeks to brush off the disgrace of Pierre Botton, his son-in-law, and a civil war among the conservatives who have held power for many years. M Botton, a self-made millionaire and M Noir's former campaign manager, now lives at St Joseph's prison while prosecutors sift his affairs, including alleged financial favours to the media.

M Noir spent the weekend preparing for the possibility that he could be charged with receiving the proceeds of embezzlement after M Botton handed prosecutors a document in the mayor's handwriting that appears to confirm the receipt of funds for his 1989 mayoral campaign. M Noir had denied receiving any money.

In M Azjenberg's flat, M Noir, 48, is explaining himself to a group of neighbours in one of a nightly round of "Tupperware parties", as the French call the fashionable, Clinton-style, election exercise. It seems a far cry from 1989, when M Noir swept into the town hall promising to turn the city and the Rhône-Alps region into the dynamic "crossroads of Europe".

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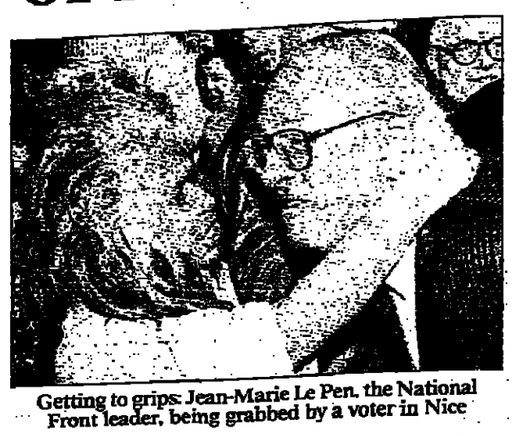
Why does M Chirac, the RPR (Gaullist) leader, Paris mayor and likely godfather of a new government at the end of this month, want M Noir's political hide? M Noir's fatal step, he concedes, was in 1987 when, as foreign trade minister, he gave a warning to M Chirac, the prime minister, against courting Jean-Marie Le Pen's far-right National Front.

M Noir later stepped down from the RPR, labelling himself a Gaullist independent and earning the enmity of the party machine. The time had come, he said, to end the squabbling between the RPR and the UDF, and to unite under a single modern movement. He resigned from his parliamentary seat and won it back as an independent in a by-election in 1991, but he failed to inspire the broad revolt that could have catapulted him to national leadership.

His former party has written him off as a heretic and annointed Alain Mérieux, scion of the Mérieux pharmaceuticals dynasty, to do battle with its former star. A one-time paratrooper and leading figure in the tight-knit Lyons establishment, M Mérieux has added to M Noir's woes by being slightly ahead in the opinion polls. The three final polls permitted under French law before the elections show support for the RPR and UDF is holding steady at about 40 per cent, which would guarantee a powerful parliamentary majority.



Getting to grips: Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader, being grabbed by a voter in Nice

Yeltsin sets sights on plebiscite to decide who governs Russia

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin, smarting from a Congress of People's Deputies which flouted his authority and spurned his offers of compromise, last night retreated to his country residence with his cabinet, apparently to draw up an appeal to the people to back *him against the legislature.*

An optimistic signal for Mr Yeltsin came yesterday from the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, who moved a step closer to agreeing renewed economic aid for Russia in support of the president and his market reforms.

The Russian congress ended on Saturday without resolving its power struggle with the presidency. Mr Yeltsin is expected to make a televised speech today announcing a national vote to end the conflict over who rules Russia. Thousands of pro-Yeltsin protesters marched through Moscow on Saturday in a show of support for the president, beating back a small crowd of nationalist opponents after scuffles outside the city council building.

It is unclear whether the vote Mr Yeltsin is proposing can have legal validity without the backing of the congress. The highest legislature voted on Saturday to overturn an earlier agreement allowing an April referendum to end the deadlock, describing such a move as "inappropriate" and adding that the president had no constitutional right to call one without deputies' support.

The Yeltsin camp argues that, once congress has given the right to a referendum, it cannot then take it away and intends to refer the matter to the constitutional court. If this fails, the Russian leader has vowed to press on with an unofficial plebiscite or opinion poll.

Unlike a referendum, this would not be legally binding. But Mr Yeltsin hopes that the result would be convincing enough to re-establish his authority and give him the justification of public backing should he decide to declare a state of emergency and dissolve congress. Such a step would necessitate the army's support and his enemies are comparing it with the coup attempt by hardline Communists in August 1991.

Both sides are marshalling Russian history to the needs of their cause. Mr Yeltsin's aides are comparing congress's attempts to disempower him with the campaign by the Bolshevik soviet of workers' and peasants' deputies to remove the Petrograd provisional government in 1917. Vyacheslav Kostikov, the presidential spokesman, accused Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, of trying to assume sole power in the state, announcing dramatically at a weekend briefing: "Gentlemen, we are on the brink of 'All power to the soviets'."

Mr Khasbulatov, not to be outdone, has accused Mr Yeltsin of preparing to use the army to secure his power. Congress was preoccupied by this scenario in its final session and, in an act of defiance intended to lure the military to its side, voted to divert 20 billion roubles (£20 million) set aside for the referendum to build houses for the officer corps. This move would profit junior officers, whose living standards have been affected by inflation and whose loyalty will determine whether President Yeltsin could successfully mobilise the military in his support.

General Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, has emphasised that the army will not become involved in the political or constitutional conflict, but Mr Yeltsin's barely veiled threat that he will impose a state of emergency if conservative forces continue to undermine him presumes the backing of the security services and the military.

The presidential camp is playing a double game on the subject of its readiness to use force. Asked about Mr Yeltsin's intentions, Mr Kostikov said: "It will not have escaped your notice that the president offered his first embraces of this congress to the ministers of defence, security and the interior. You can draw your own conclusions."

Supporting role: pro-Yeltsin demonstrators, undeterred by bitter winter weather, shouting slogans at deputies leaving Congress. Thousands marched through the city to show support for the beleaguered president

War trial told of gang rape by order

FROM DAVID CRARY IN SARAJEVO

BORISLAV Herak, the Serb soldier who is the main defendant in Bosnia's first war-crimes trial, yesterday described gang-raping and murdering nine captive Muslim women. He said his favourite was Ina, a teenager he killed with a machinegun.

For a second day, Mr Herak, 22, gave detailed evidence about some of the 30 killings he is charged with. He and a co-defendant face possible execution if found guilty.

On Saturday, Mr Herak spoke mostly about the massacres of war prisoners and of villagers targeted by "ethnic cleansing" operations. His evidence yesterday focused on repeated visits to a jail in the town of Vogosca, north of Sarajevo, where Muslim women were made available to Serb soldiers.

Mr Herak said that he, along with companions, made nine visits to the jail last August and September. *On each occasion, they had gang-raped a young woman, then* took their victim to a forest and killed her.

"I was always the one who killed them, because I had the lowest rank," Mr Herak said. He listed their names: Amela, Mejra, Ina, Enisa, Sumbula, Senada, Alma, Misa and Zehra.

Mr Herak said that Ina, who was about 17 or 18, was particularly attractive. The judge, Zlatan Teftedarija, asked if he liked her. "Yes," Mr Herak replied.

Like the others, Ina was taken to a forest on Zuc mountain after the gang rape, looking pale and frightened, Mr Herak said. He shot her and hid her body. Mr Herak said that each of the 150 soldiers in his unit would visit

Herak: said he was always the killer

the Vogosca jail every third day. The judge asked if Mr Herak had enjoyed the rapes. "Not at all, but I had to do it," said Mr Herak, who earlier had testified that the soldiers had been ordered to commit rapes. Mr Herak said that he stopped participating in the rapes in September. "I had a fight with my captain," he said. "I told him I was sick of it."

The trial is the Bosnian government's first attempt to prove in court that atrocities have been committed systematically by Bosnian Serb nationalists during the 11-month war. The hearing continues tomorrow. *(AP)*

Use of force would compromise Clinton pledges of support

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton, faced with the dilemma of how to respond to Russia's deepening crisis, has declared that President Yeltsin has "a passionate commitment to democracy" and deserves America's full support.

Mr Clinton's most detailed comments about the Russian leader's struggle for power reflected the nervousness and caution in Washington over events in Moscow, plus a sense of frustration over how little can be done from afar to resolve the constitutional confrontation.

The Clinton administration's position can be summed up as being prepared to support Mr Yeltsin even if he moves to suspend the Congress of Peoples' Deputies, although Mr Clinton did not say as much publicly, but not if he resorts to military force to do so.

The Americans also continue to urge the Group of Seven, the leading industrial democracies, to be more aggressive in offering aid to Mr Yeltsin. Mr Clinton said countries with a stake in Russia's future had given "an inadequate response to date" and should adopt "a more co-ordinated and co-operative approach" to providing aid.

Clearly, the Americans see Mr Yeltsin as their best hope for keeping the Russians on board as partners and friends in fashioning foreign policy around the world and at the United Nations.

Mr Clinton, in a series of White House interviews, rejected complaints that his policy towards Russia was too dependent on Mr Yeltsin's survival. This criticism is an echo of Mr Clinton's own campaign attacks on President Bush for staying too loyal for too long to Mikhail Gorbachev as his power eroded.

Mr Clinton said: "In terms of whether we are putting too much reliance on Yeltsin personally, my answer is that we will work with what we have to work with, whatever happens. But I think we should support *him* because he has been elected after all."

Mr Clinton explained why it was necessary for the US and G7 nations to step up their help for Mr Yeltsin: "I am trying to muster the support to do more because I think it is very much in America's interest. He is the person that I think I should work with. He *is the elected president of* Russia."

On Friday, Andrei Kozyrev, Mr Yeltsin's foreign minister, telephoned Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, with a promise that Mr Yeltsin remained committed to "democracy, human rights and the maintenance of civic order," the State Department said.

Mr Kozyrev said Mr Yeltsin would continue to look for ways to give people a chance to exercise their democratic rights, meaning a referendum, to support his presidential authority. Mr Christopher's response was to hope that any action taken by Mr Yeltsin be consistent with *democracy and human rights.*

Mr Clinton's support for Mr Yeltsin will take on a high profile in three weeks when the two leaders meet in Vancouver for their first summit. The White House sees an opportunity both to bolster Mr Yeltsin's prestige and to spur the G7, especially Japan, into *offering more aid.*

As an example to the others, Washington has made a gift to Russia of rice and wheat worth $102 million (£72.8 million) in recognition of Moscow's inability to obtain further American agricultural credits since it began defaulting on previous grain loans over the *last year.*

Kohl wins all-party accord on rescue package for east

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, pulled off a political triumph at the weekend securing the agreement of all the country's parties and states to a drastic austerity package to ward off recession and raise money for rebuilding the east.

Talks in Bonn, which began on Thursday and ended on Saturday afternoon, produced a "solidarity pact" to raise DM110 billion (£46 billion) a year for direct transfers to the five east German *Länder* and for financing the DM400 billion in debts left by the former East German government. The money will come mainly from a general rise of 7.5 per cent in income tax starting in 1995.

The opposition Social Democrats were able to prevent any immediate cuts in unemployment payments and other benefits. But they could not persuade Herr Kohl to impose a general tax rise before 1995, and had to agree to dozens of other revenue raising measures as well as a general clampdown on wage rises.

All sides expressed relief at the last-minute accord after more than two years of argument. Another breakdown would have further divided west and east, hastened economic decline, exacerbated social unrest and raised doubts about Herr Kohl's ability to lead his party to victory in next year's general election.

Business welcomed the measures, while Norbert Blüm, the labour minister, said an extra 250,000 jobs could be created in the east.

Herr Kohl said the pact would contribute to future German success. Björn Engholm, the Social Democrat leader, spoke of "joyful and remarkable progress". Even the prime ministers of the restless east, who had pressed for more help, grudgingly accepted the compromise. Standards of living in the west will be lowered for the first time since the Federal Republic was founded. Almost everyone, especially the better off, will have to pay more. But German industry, already struggling with recession, was spared any sweeping new burdens and was offered incentives for investment in the east.

Herr Kohl had threatened to keep the talks going until agreement was reached. After last week's slap in the face for the established parties in local elections in Hesse, all knew that voters were frustrated by the dithering in Bonn.

The government was trying to get the opposition, the trade unions and taxpayers to accept drastic spending cuts, higher taxes and increased debts — and simultaneously to persuade voters in the east that Bonn could not afford more than DM110 billion a year to rebuild their bankrupt economy, and to reform the division of tax revenues between central and local government.

The sums involved are huge. Of the total needed each year, some DM57.8 billion is to be transferred directly to the east, with Bonn paying DM51 billion and the states only DM1.8 billion. Bonn will pick up DM37.5 billion of the DM40 billion needed each year to service the east German debt and the costs of the privatisation agency with the *Länder* contributing only DM2.5 billion. Herr Waigel had wanted the states to pay far more but they all said they *could not afford this.*

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UN general vows to save Muslims

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE commander of United Nations forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina declared in an extraordinary move over the weekend that he was to stay with the people of a besieged Muslim town, to try to save their lives. "Don't be afraid," he said, "I will stay with you."

General Philippe Morillon made a dramatic and emotional announcement over amateur radio from the eastern town of Sbrenica. "Fully conscious that a major tragedy was about to take place in Sbrenica, I deliberately came here and have now decided to stay in order to calm the anguish of the population and in order to save them, or try to save them."

UN officials at first questioned whether Gen Morillon was speaking under duress but later said they believed his statement was genuine and that they were backing him. "He's establishing a temporary base there" said a UN official last night. Sbrenica is thought to have a population of 60,000, including many refugees.

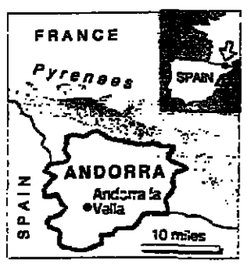
The general went to Sbrenica on Friday and angry and desperate civilians blocked his path out. UN officials believe he then became convinced that only a dramatic gesture would save their lives and that is why he decided to stay there.

Yesterday in Sarajevo President Izetbegovic of Bosnia said the Vance-Owen peace plan was acceptable, but with certain amendments.

Andorra votes on feudalism

FROM REUTER IN ANDORRA LA VELLA

CITIZENS of the tiny Pyrenean principality of Andorra voted yesterday in a referendum on a new democratic constitution that would change the destiny of a territory that is still run largely on feudal lines. The authorities were expecting that the referendum, in which just over 9,000 native Andorrans among a total population of 60,000 were eligible to vote, would bring a turnout of more than 75 per cent.



For 715 years, Andorra has been a co-principality whose joint sovereigns are the French president and the bishop of the nearby Spanish town of Seu d'Urgell. The new constitution would allow it to make its own foreign policy and join international organisations. Andorrans for the first time would wield full sovereignty, be able to form and join unions and political parties, and have an independent judiciary. If they vote "yes", Andorra will hold its first modern elections next December and immediately apply to join the 26-member Council of Europe.

Officials expected a "yes" vote, although opposition had been voiced by traditionalist groups which feared that the new constitution might lead to the territory being swallowed up by France or Spain.

The drive to modernise Andorra's institutions has come from Oscar Ribas Reig, its reformist head of government, who sees it as the only way for the principality to survive in the new Europe. "It is a vital step to democratising a state still tied to feudal origins," Mr Ribas said.

But for the 40,000 foreign residents in Andorra, mainly Spanish and French, the new constitution does little to redress *blatant discrimination.* Foreigners cannot join unions or political parties, or own businesses, unless they have lived in the principality for more than 20 years. Because of Andorrans' fears about losing their identity, the new constitution would not change that.

The constitution maintains the principality's unique system of co-sovereignty, although with vastly reduced powers. The co-princes would still have a veto over international treaties with France and Spain affecting Andorra's borders and its security, be represented in the constitutional *tribunal and grant pardons.*

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China launches new attack on Patten's widening of reforms

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

■ Peking has branded the governor's blueprint for reform an act of sabotage, but it is in a dilemma over what to do next

CHINA last night launched a fresh attack on Chris Patten's decision to widen democratic reforms in Hong Kong and accused Britain of a "perfidious act".

The governor's publication of his blueprint for political reform in the years leading up to the colony's handover to China in 1997 was a deliberate act of sabotage, the official Xinhua news agency said.

In a separate announcement the state media reported yesterday that Yang Shangkun, the Chinese president, and Wan Li, the chairman of parliament, are stepping down from office. Mr Yang and Mr Wan are the last two old guard revolutionaries still in top positions.

China's leaders are furious over Mr Patten's renewed push for expanded democracy. They are caught in a bind as to what they do next, fearing an overly fierce reaction causing alarm in Hong Kong could have serious effects on their drive to rejoin Gatt, continued most favoured nation status in a tough-minded Clinton administration and even their bid for the Olympic Games in 2000.

"Their instinct may be to jump on Mr Patten," said one Hong Kong-based academic, referring to the governor's decision last Friday to gazette his proposals, "but this is an awkward moment for the Chinese government. It has a lot at stake at a time its image is under scrutiny. Does it really want to pick up a rock only to drop it on its own foot?"

Doomsday scenarios and somewhat delphic talk about a "second stove" — the setting up of a separate power centre as a shadow government of Hong Kong — and hold-ups over a new container terminal are one thing. It seems certain, at least, that the Hong Kong stock market is in for a rough week, with shares expected to take a tumble when it opens today. "A further slide, and a steep one at that, seems inevitable," a market analyst noted.

China's Gatt membership question has met unexpected delays, and all signals from American officals point to Washington attaching harsher conditions on renewing the most favoured nation membership this year. Visible bullying of Hong Kong could also jeopardise Peking's desire for international respectability symbolised in its bid to host the end-of-the-epoch Olympics: it tried hard to impress an IOC team in Peking this month.

Class apart: an American soldier teaching Somali children in a school in a Mogadishu camp for the displaced. The country's factions begin talks today in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, aware of growing signs that Western patience with their feuds is running out. Several members of the US forces, in Somalia to stop the plundering of relief supplies, have been teaching maths and English to Somali children. "It's a special day for the children when the Americans come. They like them," said Ahmed Omar Hashi, the principal of Kitchen 53 School, named after the International Red Cross feeding centre on the ground floor. Somali schools have hardly functioned for more than two years and only some primary schools have resumed. In Addis Ababa, the faction leaders are to debate a political framework for Somalia in the most important attempt yet mounted by the United Nations to restore law and order in the country. The outside world is showing itself increasingly unhappy to continue to support the enormous cost of the Somalia operation if the Somalis cannot work together. *(Reuter)*

Police in Bombay find bomb on scooter

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BOMBAY

THREE days after a series of explosions devastated Bombay, police are piecing together clues to try to identify the bombers. They are especially examining another bomb found yesterday attached to a scooter in the suburbs. The known death toll is now almost 300.

The prime suspects are Kashmiri separatists, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, and a foreign Islamic group working with local terrorists, regarded by police as the most likely. No Indian militants are thought to have the expertise to carry out the country's worst bombing blitz.

The Tamil Tigers have denied involvement, and police do not regard them as the most likely culprits. There is also no definite link to Kashmiri separatists, who have never been known to launch attacks outside their home valley.

The hunt for the bombers is being headed by Amarjit Singh Samra, Bombay's police commissioner.

Pyongyang exit from treaty sets off alarms

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

NORTH Korea's defiant withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, rather than allow further inspections of its nuclear weapons sites by the United Nations, set off alarms yesterday in Seoul, Tokyo, and Washington.

The two-week-old government of South Korea responded by putting its armed forces of 640,000 men on alert as a precaution and it will send Han Sung Soo, its foreign minister, to Washington to discuss what other measures should be taken.

The South Koreans and Japanese shared concerns about a new level of instability and danger in eastern Asia. They suspect that North Korea may have built a crude nuclear bomb and a rocket capable of carrying it to their cities.

The Clinton administration urged the North Koreans to "withdraw their withdrawal". As a next step, America is discussing with its allies the feasibility of the UN Security Council threatening North Korea with economic sanctions, although it is difficult to imagine what could be withheld to hurt an isolationist nation that already has insufficient resources to feed its people.

If nothing else, North Korea's action again highlights the impotence of other powers when one nation chooses to ignore the treaty, as Iraq has shown. Drawn up in 1968, the treaty has been signed by 153 countries, but not by India, Pakistan or Israel, all of which are suspected of having nuclear weapons or of being capable of assembling them quickly.

In becoming the first nation to withdraw from the treaty, North Korea put the blame on alleged warmongering by Washington and Seoul.

Tehran denies nuclear charges

BY DAVID WATTS

THE acquisition of nuclear weapons by Iran could be a threat to Tehran's own security, according to Dr Hassan Ruhani, secretary of the Supreme Council for National Security and one of the Islamic government's most powerful figures.

Presumably drawing on the experience of its neighbour, Iraq, and more lately North Korea with which it has close ties, Dr Ruhani told the BBC Radio 4 *Sunday* programme that Tehran was always ready to receive inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency. Inspections have been carried out in the past, but have yielded nothing suspicious. There have been allegations, however, that the Iranians are buying nuclear weapons or materials from Tajikistan.

Dr Ruhani said: "Following the allegation by American officials about Iran's alleged attempt to buy nuclear weapons, an inspection carried out by the International Atomic Energy Agency unequivocally refuted the allegation."

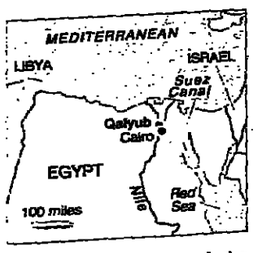
At the time of the inspection, some agency officials said that they had been taken to a different site from one of the locations detailed on their list. The Iranian official maintained that the West's "propaganda" about its attempts to acquire weapons of mass destruction was intended not only to pave the way for the sale of its own weapons to the Middle East but also to justify its "wholehearted support of Israel".

The Iranian opposition says that there are key nuclear sites at Gorgan, near the Caspian Sea, where two 440-megawatt reactors are planned to be built with Russian help. The Chinese are said to be ready to help in building two 300-megawatt reactors at Darkhovin, near the Iraqi border.

Tension escalates as 58 held near Cairo

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

SECTARIAN tension in Egypt escalated yesterday as at least 58 people were arrested after riots near Cairo in which dozens were hurt. The unrest began when Islamic students tried to burn down the guest house of a Christian's church in protest at the expulsion of four school girls for circulating tapes of the fundamentalist's blind Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman.



It was also announced in a rare case that the authorities are holding four Western Christians detained on suspicion of proselytizing to convert Muslims to Christianity. Three of those held since raides on February 21 are Americans and one a New Zealander.

The anti-Christian riots which swept through the normally peaceful market town of Qalyoub north of Cairo on Saturday were the first of their kind in the district. At least seven policemen were among those injured.

Police and residents said that the violence broke out in protest against a decision by the education ministry to transfer a teacher and suspend four teenage girls accused of playing the tapes.

The education minister, Hussein Kamel Bahaa Eddin, later met the expelled pupils and their families and was reported to have agreed to reinstate them and pledged to resolve the teacher's situation.

In Jerusalem the environment minister, Yossi Sarid, a dovish member of the left-wing Meretz party, yesterday predicted that the occupied Gaza Strip would be turned over to Palestinians and eventually become an independent state controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

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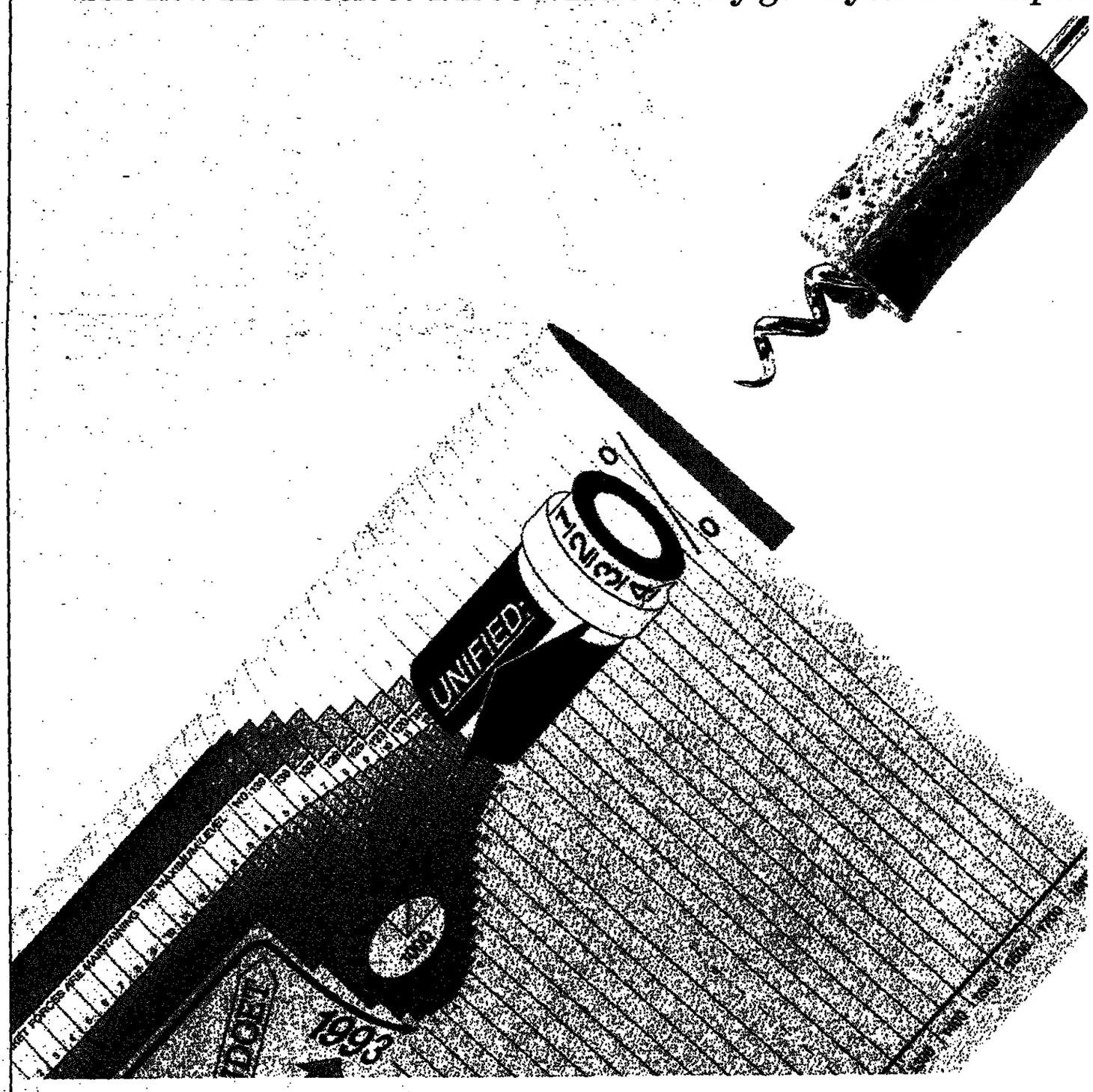

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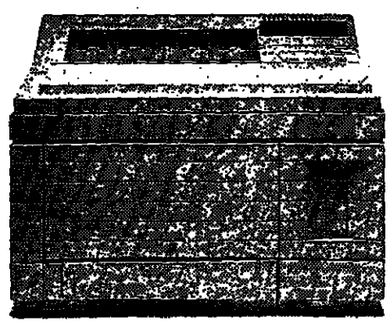

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HEWLETT PACKARD

Margaret Forster uncovered a turbulent passion beneath the façade of Daphne du Maurier. **Valerie Grove** reports

Hot on the scent of Daphne

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Discovering the real du Maurier: Margaret Forster says her subject proved to be full of surprises

It was a pure Daphne du Maurier beginning. "In April 1989 I was between books, so I was sorting my book shelves when out fell *Rebecca*, which I hadn't read since I was 13. Daphne du Maurier," thought Margaret Forster. "I wonder if anyone's doing a biography of her?" She dashed off a *postcard to her publisher* Carmen Callil, who dashed one back: "Brilliant idea." Twenty-four hours later Radio 4's *Kaleidoscope* rang. Could Ms Forster do an obituary of Dame Daphne? "She's not *dead*? shrieked Forster. "Died at 8.30 this morning," they said. It was what Dame Edna would call spooky.

Several months later, the du Maurier children Tessa, Flavia and Kits, who had admired Ms Forster's life of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, made her the authorised biographer while other Daphne groupies produced their squibs of lives.

So for the first time Forster found herself first in the field, opening the exercise book with the longhand manuscript of *Rebecca*, and with trembling fingers the letters and

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diaries Daphne had kept since the age of ten.

"And she proved to be full of surprises — a complex and even devious figure." The Daphne everyone knew about was the reclusive Greta Garbo figure living in Cornwall, daughter of famous actor father Sir Gerald and wife of General Sir Frederick "Boy" Browning. "But for someone who guarded her privacy she was incredibly careless. She left *trails all over the place. That's why* her children were so shocked."

The letters that most shook them emerged only on election day, April 9 last year, when Forster thought she had finished the book. "Biography is like fishing: you put out 20 lines and only one has a fat fish on it, but it's ages before people trust you enough to pull it in for you." The daughter of Ellen Doubleday, Daphne's American publisher's wife, had been evasive, but agreed to meet Forster at the Savoy. Her cache of letters clinched what Forster had suspected: Daphne's passionate romantic obsession and pursuit of both Ellen and the actress Gertrude Lawrence. Two new chapters had to be written.

"Daphne's children were appalled to think of their mother kissing another woman. But what they found most distressing is that she didn't tell them. *She had spoken so freely about* Sir Carol Reed, her first lover, and the affair she had during the war, but she would make derogatory remarks about 'venetians' — her codeword for lesbians — and say, 'poor old Gertrude'. Yet those letters recast everything. Very satisfying for a biographer because they helped to tie the life in with the work."

My Cousin Rachel turned out to be really about a woman loving another woman: Rachael is Ellen. "a cold-blooded bitch who brought torment to others", and *The Scapegoat* is about what Daphne felt were the two sides of herself. Since childhood she had believed that she was a boy inside: she wore boys' clothes and wanted — as the second of three *daughters — to be a son for her* father's sake. "My very slender one," Sir Gerald addressed her once in an adoring verse ending "and if I'd had my way/She would have been a boy." A confusing message, as Forster says, for an already moody adolescent girl to receive.

"Every one of us has his or her dark side," wrote Daphne, explaining her black imagination which could produce stories like *Don't Look Now*, which features a murdering transvestite dwarf. "There was so much violence in her," Ms Forster says. "If you met her, she would be smiling but distant and watchful, in that upper middle-class way. Behind it all were these appallingly violent thoughts, full of pent-up rage."

Margaret Forster is a model biographer, thrusting herself into her subject: the pace is fast, the mood omniscient. Since she never keeps letters herself she was appalled when I produced a letter she wrote to me when starting the first draft of "Daffers". "Going at a cracking pace," she wrote, "and tho' I love doing it, out of me head at this stage, it is like one long exam and I'm all tense and revved up and finish the morning exhausted." But then — since she and her husband Hunter Davies live mostly in their Cumbrian house — "it is heaven to be here with the hills and lakes to wander, tra-la, instead of just the Heath."

A passionate walker, like Daphne, she strode over the windswept *Gribben headland in Cornwall*, relishing as Daphne did the wild weather and sinister mists, and the secluded, secret situation of Menabilly, the house to which Daphne gave her heart.

Finding links with your subject is part of the fun of biography. Ms Forster is most like Daphne in having "routes" — Daphne's word for routines. Now that their three children have departed the Davieses are fanatically rigid in their routes — writing all morning, walking all *afternoon. They mock other people's* commuting to dreary offices. They gossip insatiably, but rarely socialise: a dinner party every ten years is enough. She does not drive, preferring to stay in her sunny house, kept in Mrs Tittlemouse shape by her, or her even sunnier garden. She is a legend in the neighbourhood. "Not a *popular legend," Hunter says, "you* don't get liked for being that clever."

But then she scorns anyone who wants to be liked: her husband's eager friendliness, "his puppylike desire to please people", is offensive to native Cumbrians like her.

Daphne as a wife and *mother could not* have been more different from her biographer. Daphne wanted six sons, and when her two daughters arrived she had very little to *do with them as babies*, referring to each distantly as "the child" until her boy Kits was born. She felt so close to him she feared he would turn out gay, so she was relieved when he married a beauty queen, Miss Ireland. Holding the purse-strings, Daphne could wield power over her children. She was furious when both daughters divorced their first husbands, yet her own marriage was troubled, and she seemed happiest when Boy Browning, whom she called Tommy, was away.

"I adore Tommy," *Ms Forster says*, "I am fascinated by that generation of men who went straight from school into the horror of war and then in their middle years into another war... He was a very straightforward, upright man, but his life was wrecked by the first war. Daphne was astonished to marry this macho type who would wake up crying and having nightmares, like a little boy, she hated his dependence."

What she liked best about Daphne was her total self-awareness. "She *never accepted excuses from herself.* If she had been monstrously selfish she would say so. Most people spend their *entire* lives under illusions, she didn't.

"And I like her ruthless mockery of other people's pretensions. I love the fact that she couldn't be flattered: I, too, loathe people who can be *flattered. She hated to see novelists* preening themselves on television and I agree. I like her modesty, her tremendous hard work. That's what upset her about being dismissed in reviews as a potboiler."

For years Ms Forster wrote only novels (there have been 16), some of them frightful in her view. Her best novel, *Have the Men Had Enough?* about her mother-in-law's slow decline with Alzheimer's disease, was fuelled by fury and heartfelt polemic. Hurling herself into real lives has made her at 54 into a more ambitious and inspired writer.

She never reads biographies, only contemporary fiction, a novel a day. Many of them are impressive and well researched, she says, but leaden and ultimately unengaging. To be able to hook the reader as du Maurier did is by far the greatest gift.

To write about someone recently dead is to discover how many people claim to have been her best friend or "the only person she confided in". "I'd so love to tell her all their stories and what they say. She's so close I can feel her breath on my shoulder. I feel she is as she would say 'on the other side' laughing her head off."

Souls sold out to Sonic

LIBBY PURVES

The case of Paul Bedworth, the alleged "Hermit Hacker" will have sent shivers through families already uneasy about the glimmer and bleep of their children's computers. The former schoolboy, up on charges of computer hacking, was described by Professor Griffith Edwards of the National Addiction Centre as virtually living on a desert *island, "cut off from the* normal processes of fun and maturation". Asked about girls, Mr Bedworth told the pyschiatrist that he had never dated one (even 20 years ago that would not have been so terribly unusual at 19, but let that pass).

Other aspects of Mr Bedworth's life were only too modern: after *school he used to* retreat behind drawn curtains, chatting up other hackers on bulletin boards. "We have to face up to the fact," said Professor Edwards, "that certain aspects of computing, despite the obvious benefits, will carry dangers to vulnerable people at vulnerable ages."

> You've ghastly hormones, greasy skin — not a lovely thing

Collapse, nationwide, of countless mothers into wailing heaps of self-reproach. Oh woe! Is Sonic the Hedgehog stealing my little one's soul? Was I wrong, when he got that Acorn, to be grateful that he wasn't out drinking? Has he been saved from ram-raiding and Ecstasy only to end up a hopeless addict, getting his sordid *thrills from hacking* into *the Financial Times*?

Do not think I stand aloof from such breast-beating. I am the woman who only allows computer games in the kitchen so that she can ricochet from telephone to stove with motherly cries of "Ooh darling! Well done! You got Yoshi the Dinosaur!", and persuade herself that this is a sociable family activity and that we are the Von Trapps.

When a television programme explored "computer addiction", I was ready for the worst. Actually, a psychotherapist rather spoiled it by *saying that most computer* abuse is not so much a matter of addiction but of unhappy families and parents fearful of asserting themselves, but I remained as likely as anyone to extrapolate crazily from cases like the "hermit hacker".

But then I looked at Paul Bedworth's picture, and he became a real person. A person, moreover, who has a perfect *right not to bother* with girls or discos if he doesn't want to. And I remembered other teenage hermit lives, led years ago in moody bedrooms with different props. I remembered my brother Patrick, who as an 18-year-old articled clerk spent long solitary hours trying to play the Dubliners' *Greatest Hits* by ear on the mouth organ.

"You've got ghastly hormones, greasy skin, you're not a lovely thing. So you don't want to meet anybody," he remembers. "If you're bright enough still to be studying, you've got no income. You're in a chrysalis, and it's useful to have an obsession. You master things."

Three instruments later (including self-taught violin) he was starting successful bands and reentering the world. He is now quite normal, for a solicitor; a family man. Or again, take my husband — *reasonably adjusted now* — who retired from human society for three teenage years to solder together primitive radios and hunch over them, listening to the world. Mr Bedworth is now at university, and who knows, obsessive computing *may prove no worse* a chrysalis than ham radio or the mouth organ.

We *mistrust* these odd teenage lives because adolescence is the hardest of all times to recapture. Adults happily identify with their childhood, old people with their prime, but we all embarrassedly forget the spotty, reclusive phases. We demand golden lads and girls, clean-haired, sociable and comprehensible. Some are that way: they are not necessarily the ones who grow up most interestingly. Others need a period in the dark, as good wines do.

And provided they are not disrupting NASA computers or going a funny colour *from lack of light and air, I* think we should let them. The adult's role is to tap softly on the door occasionally, and make it clear that food and human warmth are always out here, waiting. When they are ready.

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Free at last — the 1970s revival is exorcised as designers plunder the centuries for inspiration

The best of times in Milan

Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

On the streets of Milan, ladies still parade in ostentatious fur coats, loaded down with as much jewellery as the body can carry. They tease their hair till it looks laughable, and totter along (mindful of the tram lines) in spikey high heels.

Over the past week the top-billing stars of Italian fashion presented collections for autumn-winter 1993 which could not have been further from this concept. On the catwalks in Milan, where once walked showy, super-duper models in flashy finery, now genteel young women strolled, wearing subdued, underplayed, but unmistakably elegant ensembles. The times they are most definitely a-changing.

Over the week, themes were repeated time and again with such consistency that one began to wonder if, maybe, the designers had all gathered round a table together over a bottle of vino and drawn up a list from which they could not stray. This, of course, is a preposterous thought.

Nevertheless, the designers did agree unanimously that they had more or less had it with the 1970s. Evidence of the era still lingered on, but the carbon copy composite of last season is no more. Why continue to steal from the 1970s when there are plenty of other eras to be plundered? Elizabethan. Victorian. Edwardian. Napoleonic. Georgian. Second world war. The Roaring Twenties. Cavaliers, but thankfully no Roundheads. All provided inspiration.

Colours and shapes were equally constant. Bordeaux red, khaki and bottle green, purple, grey, creamy white, chocolate, chestnut, beige, and lots and lots of black. Fitted, long-line jackets. Even longer swaggering coats. Dresses which fell from the bust, and waistcoats which fell to the floor. High collars and low hemlines. Plus, this season's mainstay: knitwear. There was lots of plaid, pin-stripe, velvet, brocade, feathers and fringe. A few flowers and a little ethnic. And still more knitwear. Just about everybody got the needles out in Milan.

Dolce e Gabbana started the week with a collection which said it all. The designers speak of "inspirations above and beyond time". The show certainly transported the audience backwards and forwards in time with Wellsian frequency, but Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana are cleverer than most. Whatever their inspiration, their clothes always look right for now.

DOLCE E GABBANA: COAT-TALE

RIFAT OZBEK: CULTURE CLASH

Looking just right for autumn-winter 1993 were fitted grey pinstripe frockcoats worn over plaid skirts and trews; floaty chiffon dance dresses; fluted sleeves and flapping trousers; riding coats rigorously restrictive in the body, but hugely expansive at the hem; simple black evening dresses with jet beading; and an ice pink brocade trouser suit which stunned.

At Oliver, the secondary line of the designer Valentino, organza shirts with lace collars and cuffs, knickerbockers, waistcoats, velvet dressing gowns and suits, jabots and cummerbunds were more Ross Poldark than Demelza. Indeed, for this presentation he dressed a lookalike long-haired blond Adam and Eve couple in almost identical outfits. As womenswear the collection works, but in the accompanying programme he asked, "Why not a tie for her, a blouse for him?". For the very same reason you say no to a child who asks, "Why not put my hand in the fire?". It isn't a smart idea.

Some of the best knitwear of the week was shown by MaxMara. Floor-skimming rib knit cardigans and tunics, teamed with roomy knit trousers, came in oatmeal and chestnut. Black maxi coats (with glittery jet buttons) covering soigné black crêpe and chiffon evening dresses maximised a simple idea.

The best new looks from Gianni Versace were a step forward from his couture show earlier this year. When he kept it easy it worked wonderfully (as in the opening scene of oversized, softly-coloured sweaters over long, pale jersey skirts, and the finale of multi-striped velours). But when he put mini skirted suits over longer stretch skirts, or tried too hard to make knitwear sexy, his collection unravelled.

The boys from Byblos not only steal from the past, but also from the present. Their collection was grunge-inspired, but reworked for the Byblos faithful. The black leather blazers, floral prints, lace, and stripey knits will no doubt move quickly enough off the rails.

Giorgio Armani cleverly began his Emporio show with superbly cut single-breasted blazers in cream or khaki velvet; long sleek jackets (below the knee) over plaid skirts (to the ankle); and layered elementary knitwear in oatmeal, rose, grey, palest yellow and blue. Later in the week his mainline collection featured endlessly desirable trouser suits and a group of beaded floral and striped trouser suits (and matching shawls) which sparkled on the runway. In both collections Armani showed some trousers under swirling skirts.

FERRE: GLAMOUR PERFECTED

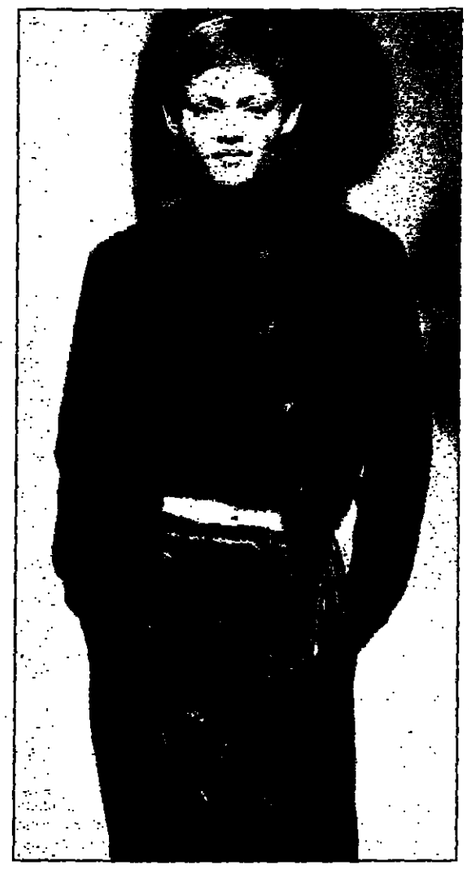
The knitted dresses at Krizia were bell-like, as was the new sleeve created by its designer, Mariuccia Mandelli. Floaty wool gazaar dresses contrasted with tailored suits. Ferragamo continues to look luxurious and upbeat. Ribbed knit layers, and cosy fringed plaid blanket coats were great for day, while sinuous black evening dresses and a jumpsuit (with matching fitted jacket) cast a long shadow which only Gucci and Ferre touched for modern glamour.

Milan scored a hat trick with three collections which were themselves inspirational.

Callaghan (designed by Romeo Gigli) artfully dodged down the back alleys of Dickensian London, with a collection of the best fitted suits (with morning suit jackets, and upside-down champagne flute trousers) which were shown in grey pin stripe, purple crushed velvet and taffeta, or in black with exquisitely detailed jet beading.

ARMANI: FLOWER POWER SUITS

Rifat Ozbek triumphed (yet again) by continuing his clash of cultures. Circular-cut military jackets were worn over shirts with pointed tails (at the front), which trailed above ethnic sarongs. His fabrics were rich and sumptuous. His colour palette was like no one else's. The clothes designed by Jil Sander for autumn-winter 1993 were some of her best yet. Season after season she continues to hone her collection, including all the right silhouettes, in all the right fabrics, in all the right colours. This season was no different. Shapely black jackets flowed into long, lithe skirts; chalkstripe cropped waiter's jackets tied languidly to one side; military maxi coats and slashed Elizabethan jackets were only bettered by her black crêpe and chiffon evening pieces, trimmed with even blacker feathers. Sander's designs appear effortless and of the moment. If only the same could be said of the fur-coated women of Milan.



ABOVE AND TOP RIGHT: **JIL SANDER** SHAPELY AND LITHE, EFFORTLESS AND OF THE MOMENT. RIGHT: **ARMANI** STRIPED AND SPARKLING PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHRIS MOORE

HOT LINE

War on grunge

AS part of her one-woman campaign to rid the runways of grunge fashion, Suzy Menkes, the fashion editor of the *International Herald Tribune*, was handing out badges she had had made in London which declared "Grunge is Ghastly". La Menkes (as she is fondly known), a fan of Christian Lacroix, even gave one to the American designer Marc Jacobs (the designer for the Perry Ellis label in New York who spear-headed the couture grunge look for spring), when he attended the Rifat Ozbek show. Later, Jacobs, alongside supermodels Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell, Gail Elliot, and sundry members of Duran Duran, showed up at the Ozbek party, held at the nightclub Madam Claude, to celebrate the success of his tour de force collection.

Ribbon development

RED ribbons were everywhere in Milan. The symbol for Aids awareness became the most worn accessory. Giorgio Armani gave out hundreds of the colourful criss-cross ribbons before his Emporio show, but Joan Burstein, the owner of the London fashion store, Browns, wore a ruby rhinestone version attached to her chic black suit. The brooch, by James Arpad, comes in two sizes and costs £50 and £100, and is now on sale at Browns, South Molton Street, W1, with a donation to Aids charities.

Sole sisters

MAYBE it's the Charlie Chaplin influence, but co-respondent shoes are making a comeback. The two tone laceups in black and cream, or brown and cream, were worn by the models at Emporio Armani. The question is, did Amanda Verdan and Mary Portas, the buying team of Harvey Nichols department store, know something we didn't when they both turned up at the Bella Freud show in London before the Milan collections sporting the spat-like shoes.

Amber light

A SEASON ago it was Yasmeen Ghauri's swinging hips which were the talk of the collections, this time around it was new girl Amber Valetta's swinging arms which everybody noticed. The beautiful Ms Valetta (see main picture, above) strolls the runways with a seemingly devil-may-care attitude.

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Matthew Parris

■ The perpetual tube of toothpaste has opened up a whole new field of scientific enquiry

Columnists are lone wolves. With only our typewriters for company, our enquiries into the meaning of the universe are seldom collaborative. That is why Dr Henry Campbell Drysdale, of Swindon, makes such a nice change. A *Times* reader I have never met, he has been working on a theory I ventured a year or so ago.

It was about miracle toothpaste. A tube which had been apparently empty for months (I wrote) was yielding one more smear of usable toothpaste every morning. I had broken a tooth biting the tube to achieve this. The toothpaste was magic, I suggested, giving little thought to further explanation.

Dr Drysdale has done so and written to describe his breakthrough. Like so many major advances, it is very simple (though at the end of this essay I shall propose a big qualification). He has noticed what I overlooked: that the first half of the toothpaste is used within days; the next quarter lasts weeks; the next eighth lasts just as long; the next sixteenth lasts longer still, and . . . We shall call it the Drysdale-Parris law. "*For any given product, the rate at which the substance is depleted diminishes in proportion to the volume remaining in the container.*" The less there is left, the slower it goes. The reason could be this: the less there is left the more we worry that the product will soon be exhausted; the more economically we use it, therefore, or the more ingeniously we eke it out.

This is why the world's hydrocarbon resources will never be exhausted, why a swill of vinegar will supplement the last lickings of tomato ketchup, and why the tiniest slick of Mum roll-on deodorant will carry on wetting the plastic ball for months, if you shake the bottle hard enough. It is how we learn that we can wash our hair quite successfully with a thimble-full of shampoo, and our dishes with just a spit of washing-up liquid, how we resource-manage a curled sliver of old soap for a whole season, and why we know that a crumb of dried boot polish can be scraped across a shoe to yield enough black for another day. Did you know that the last traces of brown sauce can be drained towards the opening by holding the bottle at the bottom and swinging it violently round in a circle? Make sure the top doesn't fly off. Did you know that a single sheet of toilet paper can be torn into three strips, *in extremis*?

Drysdale adds that some products (like ink in an *inkwell*) are used more economically as they run out, because they become harder to exploit. This is also true of peppercorns in a grinder: when full, the weight of peppercorns forces the bottom ones faster through the mill; the last few dance lightly above the teeth.

I would propose two further categories. In the first come jam, spinach and London marathons. These are things that begin to drag as the end approaches because they get less attractive or more painful. How many jam jars with an unappetising quarter-inch of red gunge at the bottom litter our pantries? Those final mouthfuls of green vegetables, under mum's watchful eye, become a torment; and I can confirm that, after you "hit the wall" in the London marathon, a mile through Wapping hurts as much as ten through Greenwich.

If Drysdale will allow me just one recourse to magic — the last stub of candle surely does burn longer than the *first six inches? — then* we can agree to the wide application of his theory.

But not to everything. What about wine, exam finals, peanut butter, fruit pastilles, and Life, eh Drysdale? These are phenomena through which you hurtle ever *faster* as you approach the end. The second half of a bottle of red wine is more rapidly depleted than the first, while the second *bottle* is over in the twinkling of an eye. For the first term of your final undergraduate year, and the second term too, those exams hardly seem to *be getting closer . . . then* — wham!

> **'Did you know that a single sheet of toilet paper can be torn into three strips?'**

Once the peanut butter is opened, and after a few knifefuls of pleasure, *moderately and sensibly spread*, something seems to snap, and by the end we are short-cutting the bread and spooning the stuff straight into our mouths. Fruit pastilles, too, enter the mouth at first one by one. But the chew grows shorter as the tube does, and soon the pastilles are being taken in twos and threes. The last handful is often stuffed in all at once.

And isn't Life, too, the same? Like one of those restaurant lunches when you look at the clock and it's only 1.15 and you're on the second course already, and suddenly it's 3.30 and the coffee *still* hasn't arrived, so our own lives seemed to start so slowly. Childhood took an age and summer holidays lasted for ever. But *now it's all going so fast*, and I don't want it to: it's such *fun*, damn it. "I was 62 and I just went into the kitchen to fix myself a cup of coffee," said an old lady to me once, "and I came out, and suddenly I'm 86."

Writing newspaper articles is the same. I dawdled hours over the first paragraph of this one and — good heavens! Eight hundred and ninety nine words already gone!

The Chancellor cannot perform miracles but he can signal a new direction, says **Peter Riddell**

Gleams of hope amid the Budget hype

Norman Lamont's Budget will be an overnight success. Most Budgets are. All Chancellors have the chance to surprise, and hence to please. And Mr Lamont has in the past been skilful in winning the political initiative. A special employment scheme here, a tax concession there, and relieved Tory MPs will be waving their order papers and telling journalists that the corner has been turned. The real test is longer-term: whether the cheers of MPs and favourable overnight headlines really mark a turning point in the fortunes of the Major government and of Mr Lamont himself.

Budgets which have been well received in the short term have not always looked so good later. Roy Jenkins's pre-election Budget in 1970 was praised when it was delivered, but its cautious tone was later blamed for helping to lose Labour the general election that June. As Lord Jenkins argues in his memoirs, the criticisms were mainly retrospective. Nigel Lawson's tax-cutting 1988 Budget was widely cheered by Tory MPs at the time but can later be seen to have fuelled an already strong economy. By contrast, *Mr Lamont* received a lukewarm press a year ago for introducing the 20 per cent income tax band, while John Smith's shadow Budget was given a warmer welcome. Yet after the election Mr Lamont was seen to have been shrewder about public attitudes on taxation.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Tomorrow's statement is more of a political than an economic event. Few budgets make much difference to the direction of the economy. Of course, specific measures, whether changes in income tax, rises in indirect taxes or broadening the tax base, have a big impact on individual households and companies, as the various interest groups will be protesting from tomorrow. But an increase in the overall tax burden of, say, £2 billion, the favourite weekend guess, is trivial in an economy of now well over £600 billion. Far more significant for hopes of recovery have been the devaluation of the pound and the *sharp fall in interest rates since last* September.

Mr Lamont can, however, affect the mood, both at Westminster and in financial markets. Confidence in his policies has been low and no amount of talking-up the outlook by ministers has helped. This time, he can point to genuinely positive signs, what he yesterday called "grounds for optimism", such as rising retail and car sales and a pick-up in activity in the housing market. His first priority is not to jeopardise that tentative revival, either by words or deeds.

At the same time, however, he has to reassure financial markets that he has a strategy to deal with the sharp rise in public sector borrowing. While the figures for the budget deficit may not be as bad as recently feared, they still require action. There will probably be both a limited down-payment tomorrow in the form of higher indirect taxes and indications of future action in the first unified Budget, combining taxes and spending plans, in late November.

If he balances both these pressures, and announces eye-catching measures, Mr Lamont will make a start on answering his critics. And if economic recovery really is established in the coming months, he may secure his own survival beyond the expected summer reshuffle. As I stated last week, Mr Lamont is determined to stay on as Chancellor. Tory MPs have already started publicly to rally behind him, and yesterday he broke the conventions of pre-Budget purdah to give an interview and co-operate in a profile. After tomorrow's statement, the quaintly titled "charm offensive" will take the form of intensive briefing of MPs and the media. Nobody will be spared. Shares in Mr Lamont have already started to recover, though they are not yet suitable for widows and orphans, or candidates in marginal seats.

A revival in the government's fortunes is tied to a resumption of growth. There is anyway likely to be a time-lag because unemployment will continue to rise for some time. The public may remain sceptical in view of earlier disappointed hopes.

The Tories will also not regain the political initiative until the Maastricht Bill is out of the way. The tactical weakness of the government in the Commons and the public split among Tory MPs undermine confidence in the Major administration.

Senior ministers believe, or rather pray, that, once the recession and the Maastricht Bill are both behind them, politics will return to normal — whatever that may be — and they will be back to the traditional pleasures of attacking the opposition parties. I am not sure it is as simple as that.

The government is now facing a much deeper disillusionment. The attacks are sharper, and certainly more bitter, from the irreconcilables on the Thatcherite right than from the left. Parts of the Tory press have adopted a tone of patronising contempt towards John Major and a hostility to large parts of his programme, not just Maastricht but also, for example, leasehold reform and railway privatisation.

Last Friday, Douglas Hurd expressed what was clearly a deeply felt anguish about a shift of talent and effort away from achievement into criticism. He talked of an increased tendency for critics to hunt as a pack without bringing independent judgment to bear. Bad news is preferred over good. Some of that is the instinctive protest of a battered insider about often ill-informed attacks of outsiders. But Mr Hurd has a point. The current political mood, aggravated by the recession and the Maastricht marathon, is unhealthily destructive. The Tories appear to have lost their way, while the opposition parties have not yet found theirs.

Tomorrow's Budget is not going to change all that. But, even when the immediate hype is discounted, it could help signpost the way for the government, as well as for Mr Lamont himself, to climb out of the present morass.

All the myth of Maastricht

The Major-Hurd policy on Europe is based on a German fallacy

'Which has most legs, a horse or no horse?" The riddle goes back at least to the first half of the 18th century, and may be far older. The answer is: "No horse; for a horse has but four legs, and no horse has five legs." This logical fallacy was first noticed in ancient Greece. When Odysseus put out the eye of the Cyclops, he told him that his name was "Nobody"; when the Cyclops complained, he went round telling his friends that Nobody had put his eye out. In the meantime *Odysseus was able to escape.*

The Conservative party, the government and the prime minister seem to have fallen into this old fallacy, which treats negatives as though they were merely another kind of positive. In 1990 the Conservatives decided that they would drop Thatcherism, and indeed Margaret Thatcher herself, because they were uncomfortable with her policies, and believed she could not be re-elected. The new leader was chosen as being "not Thatcher", though he also had a subsidiary role as "not Heseltine". Nobody knew what his own beliefs were, or what his policies would be. In fact some of his policies were simply "not Thatcher" policies such as the replacement of the poll tax by the council tax.

The important policy shift was on Europe. Until very late in her administration Mrs Thatcher had refused to join the exchange-rate mechanism, and the final crisis of her government was caused by her saying "Never, never, never" to a single European currency, a statement of the obvious that outraged the delicate sensibilities of Geoffrey Howe. Mrs Thatcher had throughout based her foreign policy on alliance with the United States, and that had paid off well for her. The United States gave Britain vital support in the Falklands war; she was herself unquestionably the European leader with most influence in Washington, even up to the Gulf war. She was always suspicious of Germany and hostile to European federalism.

When he became prime minister John Major decided that he would rather ride the European or, more particularly, the German horse. As Chancellor of the Exchequer he had taken Britain into the ERM. He believed that a closer Anglo-German relationship would give Britain more influence in the European Community — that is what his phrase about "the heart of Europe" really means. He formed a close personal relationship with Chancellor Kohl, negotiated the Maastricht treaty and based his economic policy on membership of the ERM, in the expectation that the Germans would support sterling if the pound came under pressure.

This was the preferred solution of the Foreign Office and the Treasury: it had the support of the majority of the cabinet; it had widespread support among the opposition parties *and commentators. The main criti*cism came from long-term Eurosceptics and monetarist economists: the former feared the implied movement towards federalism, and the latter foresaw the breakdown of the ERM. Nobody can criticise Mr Major for lack of thought or consideration in choosing this pro-German policy option. The American relationship was obviously weakening, for a variety of American reasons.

The question was whether the German horse was the "no horse with five legs", an attractive option which does not exist in reality. For 40 years Germany had given France priority. The European policy of Ted Heath in the early 1970s had been based on a tripartheid alliance with Chancellor Brandt and President Pompidou: no such alliance was open in 1991 with President Mitterrand. It soon became clear that the Bundesbank had no strong commitment to sterling, and was openly sceptical about the DM2.95 parity when that came under pressure. Chancellor Kohl himself seemed well disposed to Mr Major personally but still regarded Britain as the slowest ship in the European convoy.

William Rees-Mogg

The Anglo-German relationship has proved to be the opposite of the Anglo-American. Since the second world war, the Anglo-American relationship has repeatedly turned out to be stronger and more durable than most people expected. From its beginning in 1990, the Anglo-German relationship seemed to be weaker than was expected; indeed it seemed one-sided, a relationship the British believed to exist, but the Germans did not.

Nevertheless his policy was strong enough to persuade Mr Major to negotiate the Maastricht treaty, which is a federalist European treaty on a German model. It includes a European central bank modelled on the Bundesbank, rights of subsidiarity comparable to those of the German *Länder*, and a social charter modelled on German social policies. Despite Britain's opt-out clauses, the ERM and Maastricht were the twin pillars of the Major government's *economic and foreign policy. One* pillar fell when British membership of the ERM collapsed after prolonging the recession. The other pillar, Maastricht, remains.

Certainly Maastricht is causing disastrous political difficulties in the House of Commons and will not go through the House of Lords on the nod. Yet the architecture is looking less and less convincing even for those countries still in the ERM. Maastricht is based on German power, economic and political; on that the new European union is supposed to be built. In fact Germany is failing to solve the problems of reunification with East Germany. Obviously an economy which cannot handle the problems of 17 million people cannot support the economic needs of 300 million.

The German economy itself is increasingly vulnerable. Germany's manufacturing industry has a much better post-war record than Britain's, but its problems are formidable. German labour has about the highest costs, the shortest working week, the highest social benefits and the highest redundancy costs in the world. German industry is largely middle-technology and therefore vulnerable to competition from developing countries. Of Germany's physical exports in 1992, 18 per cent were motor vehicles, 15 per cent machinery and machine tools and 13 per cent chemicals — all industries which date back to the Germany of before the first world war. Such products suffer *from the overvalued mark.*

The Sunday Telegraph yesterday quoted the *Bild* newspaper's list of "all the things that are wrong in Germany". Some sound very British. They start with "Politikverdrossenheit", a disillusionment with the political establishment, and continue with the problems of unification, the growth of the far right, violence on television and anti-authoritarian schooling. One might add a rapidly aging population, government expenditure running at 51 per cent of GDP, a large budget deficit, corruption scandals, and a coalition which cannot agree how to address Germany's problems and is unlikely to survive the 1994 elections.

German industry suffers from excessive overheads, overmanning, bureaucratisation and over-regulation. Eastern Europe could become a market with great potential, but like east Germany that will require massive investment from a German surplus that no longer exists. The Maastricht idea that Germany can both be the model for the new Europe and the main source of funding is not credible, financially, economically or politically. Mrs Thatcher used to fear that Germany would be too powerful; the irony now is that Germany is not powerful enough to fill its proposed European role.

The German option had three elements: the policy friendship with Chancellor Kohl, British membership of the ERM and European union through the Maastricht treaty. The first never came to anything; the second collapsed after doing great economic damage; the third is half way between a corpse and a catastrophe. Mr Major's position is precarious; he is the jockey riding no horse.

King's ransom

DOWNING STREET'S battle to reform education continues in unlikely quarters. Staff at King's College, London, claim that No 10 is blocking its chosen candidate for principal. The college has put up its vice-principal, Professor Arthur Lucas, for the job which became vacant after the previous incumbent, Dr John Beynon, resigned saying: "The chemistry between me and the college is wrong". He left behind him an institution forced to close departments and lay off 200 staff to overcome a potential £4m deficit.

Officially, neither Downing Street, which vets all applicants for the post because it is a "crown appointment", nor the college will comment. Sir James Spooner, chairman of the college council, did admit, however, that he had submitted just one name to Downing Street: "We are waiting for an answer from them at the moment."

Lecturers say that decision is being held up and that the reason for the delay is Lucas, who has not always seen eye to eye with the government. Dr Peter Emery, secretary of the Association of University Teachers at King's, said: "It is common knowledge here that Downing Street are not happy with his name. He stands up for what he believes in — university education — and that might not be popular with this government. He is by far the preferred candidate inside the college. It is an unhappy situation."

More charitable insiders claim a "legal technicality" is delaying proceedings. Downing Street can insist on a choice of candidates but it has received just one which, under the circumstances, provides the perfect excuse for a moratorium.

FIRST the good news. Norman Lamont claimed in yesterday's Sunday Times *that he was unusually organised, boasting that he was fully in charge of his own bank account. Invariably, he cashes cheques at the House of Commons and keeps his statements (no mention of Access bills) in a file. The worry though, for Tuesday's Budget, is that he's "not a big spender"; more tellingly, perhaps, he has abandoned charge of his domestic finances, preferring to leave them in his wife Rosemary's capable hands.*

Off the rails

IS THERE anyone left for *British Rail to upset? Sadly it* appears so. Following the apoplexy this weekend among ministers over chairman Sir Bob Reid's warning to Labour *of cuts in services, estate agents* are abandoning the network. No longer will train times appear in the glossy brochures of Knight Frank & Rutley to *show how conveniently close* to London its smart country homes are placed. The agent claims British Rail is so unreliable that inclusion of times *would contravene the Property* Misdescriptions Act 1991 which comes in next month.

"You just can't rely sufficiently on British Rail," said *the firm's Rupert Sweeting.* "There are too many questions about how often trains run." Reassuringly, the firm's rose-tinted descriptions will also be toned down.

We apologise to estate agents as there are houses on the line.

GED

Treasure island

IT MAY be the best way to draw a veil over past events. Having lost the equivalent of £900 for each member of its 30,000 population with the BCCI collapse, the Stornoway-based Western Isles council is thinking of changing its name.

Islanders floated the idea recently at a budget meeting and it will be duly considered, says chief executive Brian Stewart. "Remember we are the council that lost most from the BCCI collapse so our name is pretty well known now," he said. The clever *money is on Outer Hebrides* council but Outer Pocket council might also fit the bill.

● *Chelsea Clinton could well be startled by the familiarity of Yitzhak Rabin's greeting at the White House today. Not that the Israeli prime minister has gone soft on American teenagers — he has just learnt from past mistakes. Last time he was at the White House with a Democratic president 16 years ago he set back Israeli-American relations by decades after snubbing an offer to bid goodnight to Jimmy Carter's daughter Amy.*

High volume

NOT for bookish circles the more punishing effect of the recession. Tomorrow sees a decision on the biggest ever literary prize — value £40,000 — to be awarded to a "living *British writer in recognition of* a lifetime's achievement".

Lord Gowrie, chairman of this year's Booker jury, contends the field for the David *Cohen British Literature Prize* is somewhat limited. "You want to give it to someone who has achieved a lot but who still has some puff left in them. *And does 'lifetime's achieve*ment' imply that the person is past their best? Iris Murdoch would not accept that her best was over. And what about old *Kingsley Amis?" he said.*

Lady Longford is said to be in the frame, but Weidenfeld and Nicolson publisher Ion Trewin puts his money on Sir *V.S. Pritchett.* "Sir Kingsley is philosophical about his chances: "I'd love to get it, as long as I don't have to do anything."

Tenants: Princess Anne and Commander Tim Laurence

Rights of royal residence

THEY are biting their nails in anticipation at Dolphin Square, where the Princess Royal and Commander Tim Laurence have their new *pied à terre*. Tenants are itching to find out if the royal neighbours will join their residents' association, at a cost £2 per year. The invitation was delivered nearly a month ago, not through the letterbox, which has been removed by security men, so presumably under the door on the fourth floor. However, the tenants haven't heard a thing since from the newly-weds, whose unexpected appearance in the shopping arcade recently threw storekeepers into a state of pandemonium. One member of the association remained stoical, however. "Quite a lot of people take their time before joining," he said. "I have no idea what goes on in the minds of the people on the fourth floor, but we'd be delighted if they joined." The previous occupant of Princess Anne's flat might have shed light on the matter: he was an Irish clairvoyant.

THIRD CHANCE

Bonn has given Mr Lamont a last-minute boost

After two budgets that helped prolong the most destructive recession in Britain's post war history, Mr Lamont has a good chance of being third time lucky tomorrow. If, as is likely, the economy continues to move out of recession this year, most of the credit will go to Britain's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism six months ago. Nevertheless, the Chancellor's willingness to exploit the opportunities presented by Britain's newfound monetary independence will play a vital part in determining whether the economy proceeds to full recovery, or remains stuck in a long and painful convalescence.

An early and strong economic recovery is now the key not only to the political rehabilitation of John Major's government, but also to the desperately needed improvement in the government's finances. Whatever Mr Lamont does about taxes and spending in tomorrow's budget, the government deficit will explode to Italian proportions if the economic recovery ceases.

Fortunately for Mr Lamont, giving a further boost to recovery with a further reduction in interest rates — if not in the budget then shortly afterwards — will be made much easier by the German "solidarity pact" announced over the weekend. This long-awaited deal between the German federal and state governments over the financing of unification should open the way to substantial cuts in German interest rates, probably starting as early as this Thursday.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's apparent inability, until this weekend, to come up with a formula for financing the costs of reunification was one of the Bundesbank's last excuses for refusing to cut German interest rates in the face of a deepening economic decline. The Bundesbank may even ease dramatically enough to save the French franc and Danish kroner from the devaluations that seemed all but inevitable until this weekend. If the tensions in the ERM subside as a result, John Major should face less abuse from his friends in Paris and Brussels when he cuts British interest rates.

The German solidarity pact is good news for Mr Lamont for another reason. Like the budget to be presented tomorrow in Britain, the German agreement promises large tax increases, but not yet. The biggest exactions will not begin until January 1995. The proposal for higher taxes in Germany will provoke natural accusations of political opportunism, since the main increase will begin one month after the next general elections. Nevertheless, the solidarity pact is likely to be welcomed by economists and to command credibility in the financial markets. A big tax increase would be counterproductive in the midst of recession, in Germany, just as in Britain. The German solidarity pact shows, like President Clinton's proposals for narrowing the American budget deficit, that investors and businessmen can be persuaded that a government intends to put its finances in order, provided it puts forward a clear and plausible plan.

That is what Mr Lamont will have to do for Britain tomorrow. Over the next few years, large tax increases, as well as public spending cuts, will be needed to narrow the enormous fiscal gap created in Britain by the impact of recession and by excessive public spending. But the toughest exactions can justifiably be delayed until the economy is strong enough to withstand higher taxes and the impact of economic growth on the public sector borrowing requirement can be more accurately assessed. Tomorrow's Budget must provide a clear statement of intent, underlined by a small downpayment of higher taxes. If Mr Lamont can provide this, the next step for Britain should be still lower interest rates and faster economic growth.

MEN DOWN UNDER

After the election, Australia looks for new friends

After ten years of Labor party rule, the worst recession in 60 years and more than one million unemployed, Australia has given the ruling party a fifth successive mandate. If it sounds familiar to British ears, it should.

An intriguing personal contest between two party leaders has been won by the professional politician. The winner, Prime Minister Paul Keating, has been practising this poll since he left school at 15.

Mr Keating comes from a rough-house pool and his intemperate rhetoric shows it. John Hewson, the Liberal leader, is a late arrant to national politics, an academic monist whose private temperament can as abrasive as Mr Keating's. Mr Keating kindly dubbed his opponent a "feral cus". But as politics go in Britain, so they in Australia. In each case the ruling party naged to survive elections held in deep ession because the opposition proposed rises. Mr Hewson's pledge to adopt a 15 cent goods and services tax (GST) peared to have sunk him with the voters as ely as Mr John Smith's alternative dget helped scupper Labour 's chances year.

Despite their personal antipathy, the two ty leaders have much in common, wever. Both fear that Australia could ome a "banana republic" and "Asia's r white trash" without radical reform. At turn of the century Australia was uably the richest country in the world. e New Zealand, it sheltered behind high ff walls and depended on commodity orts for its prosperity.

ut the "lucky" country failed to earn its . Commodity prices declined and tralian industry failed to develop. In ping with the egalitarian Australian se of a "fair go", a centralized wage tion system was imposed on the country ch further distorted the economy. Australia has over-borrowed to pay for its enviable lifestyle. The party came to an end in 1983 when the Labour prime minister Bob Hawke and his ambitious young treasurer, Paul Keating, began the long haul to internationalise the economy. The argument between two party leaders at this election was about the pace not the direction of economic reform. Mr Hewson wanted to break the grip of the unions, finish off tariffs for good and encourage savings. Despite 11 per cent unemployment, Mr Keating could point to record low inflation and a respectable growth rate.

At the nadir of his fortunes Mr Keating played the populist card again by suggesting that the Queen should no longer be head of state. He promised a referendum to decide whether Australia should become a federal republic by the year 2001. "God Sack the Queen" is music to the ears of Australians like Mr Keating, of Irish ancestry, and of nationalists who create an Australian identity by emphasising differences with Britain. Britain did much to foster this feeling by its shabby treatment of Australia during the negotiations leading to British entry into the European Community. But the distance between the two countries had already been growing. After the fall of Singapore to the Japanese, Australia turned from Britain to the United States for its defence.

Australia is now looking for new friends. The end of the Cold War and the prospect of isolation from the great world trading blocs, including the emergent North American Free Trade area, is leading the political class to doubt the American connection. The politicians want to bind their nation to Asia where two thirds of Australia's exports already go. It makes economic sense; but real friendships like that of the old Commonwealth and of the Anglo-Saxon countries will be harder to come by.

GIANTS WITH CLAY FEET

Biography should explore the foibles of the great

nts are frequently felled by the biogher's pen. In a book published this week, ohne du Maurier is alleged to have had a et affair with Gertrude Lawrence, while orthcoming biography of Lord Reith ms that the fiercely moral founder of the C had a fervent 10-year relationship with oung man. Suddenly, the foremost iantic novelist of the century and the man defined modern broadcasting morality n a little more prone to the foibles of inary human behaviour.

ince Einhard told of Charlemagne's y round at the palace of Aachen, graphers in the West have written with easing candour of their subjects, prefer- authenticity to the sycophantic dictates nvention. Thus, the biographer's sights e shifted steadily from public action ards private belief, table talk, and — ve all — sexual relations.

here is a fine line between honesty and rience: a biographer who sketches every t risks distorting his subject's memory in bsessive search for sensation and scand- The revelation last year that Philip Larkin a puerile racist and misogynist in private espondence with friends, for example, leaned the poet's memory but contributpractically nothing to critical underding of his work. Yet the passionate rest of the public in the private life of the ated and powerful reflects much more than voyeurism. Rousseau's exotic sexual history, revealed in detail in his *Confessions*, is highly entertaining but largely irrelevant to his political thought. In contrast, the pages in Gibbon's memoirs devoted to his fraught relationship with his father help explain the intellectual path which led him to write the *Decline and Fall*. The Augustan historian knew that such an account would illuminate his masterpiece and that his readers would value a portrait of the personality that breathed life into it.

Faddish literary criticism has failed to kill off the author. Scholars and general readers remain justifiably intrigued by the personalities that lurk beneath the text, just as political historians cannot reasonably neglect the private lives that help shape public careers. If J. Edgar Hoover was a secret transvestite, as has recently been alleged, his vigorous strictures on public morality can never again be seen in the same light.

Pascal was right: "If the nose of Cleopatra had been a little shorter the whole face of the world would have been changed". Intimate detail, though often unsettling, is the very stuff of history. The new biographies of Reith and du Maurier may well change popular perception of their subjects but should not damage appreciation of their achievements. We are dwarves standing on giants' shoulders; but it should be no surprise that those giants had feet of clay too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Should John Birt stay on at BBC?

From Mr John Simpson and others

Sir, Old axes are grinding, old scores are being settled in the attacks on the director-general of the BBC, John Birt (report and leading article, March 13; letters, March 9, 11). We would like to put the current debate into perspective.

John Birt has done nothing unlawful. He has hidden nothing from the Inland Revenue, whose inspectors agreed his accounts. The board of governors' own remuneration committee agreed his contract. He has already acknowledged it was an error of judgment, an error that applies equally to those governors who agreed it. He has speedily corrected that.

However, that is not what lies behind the attacks on him. John Birt's real offence is to be the architect of the plan which is effecting radical change at the BBC. It's a controversial strategy but it has the wholehearted support of the board of governors and the board of management, and very many of the staff. What we are seeing here is a last minute and underhand attempt to destroy it by destroying him.

So far, within the BBC, many of the voices of those hostile to him, too cowardly to give their names in public, have been anonymously quoted in the press. We feel it is time for some of us to offer our public support for John Birt and for the difficult and radical changes he is making.

We call on the governors, who meet this week, to keep their heads in the face of such wild press coverage, and to offer their full support for John Birt's continuing director-generalship.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SIMPSON
(Foreign Affairs Editor),
POLLY TOYNBEE
(Social Affairs Editor),
ROBIN OAKLEY
(Political Editor),
PETER JAY
(Economics Editor),
MARTYN LEWIS
(Presenter, Nine O'Clock News),
PETER SISSONS
(Presenter, Six O'Clock News)
British Broadcasting Corporation,
Television Centre,
Wood Lane, W12.
March 14.

From Mr James Arnold-Baker and others

Sir, The controversy surrounding the employment arrangements of John Birt has obscured the major issue in British broadcasting — the future of the BBC beyond 1996, when its current charter expires

The broadcasting environment will change dramatically in the next few years as new channels and broadcasters emerge in the commercial sector. The BBC must therefore have a clear vision if it is to retain its role as the cornerstone of British broadcasting and continue to command respect and admiration in Britain and throughout the world.

In January John Birt laid out that vision of a wide range of high quality programmes, greater efficiency and accountability with value for money for licence payers.

We, the ten members of the BBC board of management, believe that John Birt is the best person to lead the BBC and he has our unanimous support.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES ARNOLD-BAKER,
BILL DENNAY, LIZ FORGAN
TONY HALL, DAVID HATCH,
PATRICIA HODGSON,
RONALD NEIL,
MARGARET SALMON,
PAMELA TAYLOR, WILL WYATT,
British Broadcasting Corporation,
Broadcasting House,
Portland Place, W1.
March 14.

From Nr Tom Morgan

Sir, It is said that Mr Birt and Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC, may have made an error of judgment in devising Mr Birt's salary arrangements.

I worked closely with four BBC directors-general and three chairmen, as head of their joint secretariat. In my view, the most distinctive and important quality required by the holders of both those appointments was and is a dependability to make accurate judgments over a wide canvas.

The recent outcry has demonstrated that both lack that quality and accordingly both should resign.

Yours faithfully,
TOM MORGAN,
Cowford House, Eridge,
Nr Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
March 13.

Ancient hedges that suffer onslaught by flail

From Mr Robin Tilley

Sir, How, asks Mrs Elizabeth Ringe (letter, March 8), can ancient hedges containing wild roses, blackberries, hazel, etc., recover from the "horrendous onslaughts" of flail machines?

The short, and short-term, answer is that most of them will grow back again very quickly. Their will to survive is strong. In the longer term, however, we agree that hard flailing does not help the survival of hedges.

Like Grafham, Mrs Ringe's village, our parish too is under the South Downs and in an area of outstanding natural beauty. It is also in an environmentally sensitive area; but rather than just wring our hands in anguish over the damage to hedges, we decided, with the help of residents from our sister village, Clapham, to set about looking after our hedges.

We obtained a grant from West Sussex County Council's "innovation fund" to train 14 people from Clapham and Patching in the art of hedge-laying with the South of England Hedge-Laying Society. We were able to lay about 100 yards this season, and we expect to lay 300 to 400 yards in the next season.

It is hard work, but we reckon, all in all, that it is good for the hedges because it promotes strong new growth; good for wildlife which should flourish within them; good for the farmers because the hedges are stockproof; and good for the spirit of a small rural community.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN TILLEY
(Clerk, Patching Parish Council),
Spinaway, Goldharbour Lane,
Patching, Worthing, West Sussex.

From Mr George Scales

Sir, The problem with cutting hedges by hand is the high cost of labour. When I started farming 45 years ago, one man was needed per 25 acres: sugarbeet was knocked, topped and loaded by hand, potatoes and peas bagged up by women and much of the corn harvest cut with a binder.

After threshing, 18-stone sacks of wheat were carried on a man's back into the barn, and in the winter the work-force was set to hedging and ditching. Today, our 530 acres only require a staff of two; 50 acres can be ploughed in a day and the combine has an output of 28 tonnes per hour.

Many believe that the modern farmer, boosted with taxpayers' subsidies, could well afford to cut the few hedgerows which have not been bulldozed, by hand. However, the official records tell a different story; in 1991, the total number of farmers in the UK was 180,700, and the total farming income was £1,224,000,000: an average farm income of only £6,773.

If Mrs Ringe and others wish to see the end of flail machines on roadside hedges, they would have to accept a massive increase in council tax.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE SCALES,
Scales (Farms) Limited,
Cobblers Pieces,
Abbess Roding, Ongar, Essex.

From Mr Mark Dunn

Sir, The hedgerow tree-species mentioned by Mrs Ringe tolerate the severest cutting back and will regenerate quickly. Not so the birds and many other hedge-dwelling creatures, whose nests are destroyed by flailing in the breeding season, and whose habitat is wrecked for them for months, when shelter and food are vital for breeding.

Here, very close to Mrs Ringe, the birds are indeed nest-building: March, once a month for hedging and ditching work, is no longer suitable for that purpose.

Destroying wild birds is illegal. Mrs Ringe might try to persuade her local authority to prosecute the offenders: unless they, or their contractors, are the guilty party — which is possible because farmers are often paid to maintain publicly owned hedges. In that case one of the national charities — the RSPCA perhaps, or the RSPB — ought to take up her cause.

Most farmers receive subsidies. Failure to maintain standards should result in these being withheld.

Yours sincerely,
MARK DUNN,
Wildham, Stoughton,
Chichester, West Sussex.

From Mr Hugh Lowe

Sir, I have been farming for long enough to remember grubbing hedges because we could not afford the high cost of cutting them by hand ("brishing" was the word hereabouts) — something that I now regret. When the mechanical cutter was invented, we soon stopped pulling out hedges.

The flail cutter is probably the main reason for the retention of the huge mileage of hedges we see today.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH LOWE,
Barons Place,
Mereworth, Maidstone, Kent.

Service training merger

From Lord Gregson

Sir, Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly (letter, March 1) expresses concern over the planned closure of the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon in Plymouth and the transfer of the courses to join those at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham.

The prospect is not as bleak as he believes. The Services will depend increasingly on technology to offset their reducing numbers. Many areas are of common interest: information technology, radar, electro-optics, radio, guided weapons and electronic systems engineering, to name but a few.

A joint Service college will enable them to benefit from a single cadre of academics who understand the particular demands of the Service environment. The plan to form a joint college is not new: it has been considered on a number of occasions over the last 40 years. The first step towards joint education took place in 1985, when the Royal Air Force joined the Army at Shrivenham: that alliance has been a great success for all concerned.

The catalyst for the latest study was the planned reduction in the Royal Navy intake at Manadon and in the Army and Royal Air Force intakes at Shrivenham.

This was not just a quest for savings, however. Both the Army and the Royal Air Force are convinced that, at a time when coalition operations, inter-operability and collaboration are growing in importance, there is considerable value to be gained from educating the engineer officers of all three Services alongside each other.

The move would certainly not be against the advice of the Ministry of Defence central staff, nor am I aware that the engineering institutions have expressed disquiet. Indeed, all the engineering degrees at Shrivenham are accredited by all the respective professional institutions.

The Ministry of Defence's proposal is both imaginative and constructive and should lead to the formation of a prestigious new tri-Service university.

Best wishes,
GREGSON,
House of Lords.
March 4.

From Professor J. H. Turnbull

Sir, Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly acknowledges the Royal Military College of Science as a centre of excellence, but is dismissive of the relevance of the college to the Royal Navy's needs.

Officers of the Navy have been sent on technical courses at Shrivenham over the past 30 years, notably in the fields of guided weapons, naval gunnery and explosive ordnance inspection. Their presence has contributed a vital element to the tri-Service character of the college. Many have subsequently proved their value at senior levels in the fleet, and on the defence staff.

Rather than putting the clock back, the proposed merger of the Royal Naval Engineering College with Shrivenham clearly recognises the relevance of combined Service technical training now and increasingly in the years ahead.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. TURNBULL,
Stoneycroft,
Alvescot, Oxfordshire.
March 3.

Collapse of Taurus

From Sir Roger Moate, MP for Faversham (Conservative)

Sir, At this eleventh hour before the Budget, the Chancellor has been presented with a new opportunity to nourish the green shoots of revival in the housing market.

The government earmarked £1 billion for the abolition of stamp duties on share transactions once the Taurus system was introduced (report, March 12). That is now not going to happen in the foreseeable future, if ever.

In a full year, stamp duties on land and property transactions raise the same amount, approximately £1 billion. May I urge the Chancellor to sweep away completely all such stamp duties. This would be a bold and welcome stimulus to the housing market, just at the right moment.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER MOATE,
House of Commons.
March 12.

Blow to manufacturing

From Mr James McKnight

Sir, Loss of manufacturing output is traumatic for both individuals and the economy, but the loss of the ability to achieve manufacturing output, once again perfectly illustrated by the crisis at Rolls-Royce (reports, March 12) is fatal for any economy.

There should be an immediate government investigation of the technological, economic and employment effects of the loss of engineering centres. They were not created overnight, nor can they be easily replaced.

Sincerely,
JAMES McKNIGHT
(Chairman, Automobile Division),
Institution of Mechanical Engineers,
1 Birdcage Walk, SW1.

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Conductor's conduct

From Mrs Elisabeth Furtwängler

Sir, Since last November there has been a debate [in the TLS] about my husband's controversial political stand in Nazi Germany. On the tyranny of the Third Reich Bernard Levin has correctly written ("Conductor unbecoming", January 7) "... no one who did not experience it can truly understand, much less feel, what it was like". Hence the question of Furtwängler remaining in Nazi Germany may never be settled to everyone's satisfaction.

Nevertheless, Mr Levin attempted a quasi-defence and in doing so made some untrue and wounding allegations. Herewith I challenge Mr Levin to substantiate his claim that Wilhelm Furtwängler was "an exceptionally unpleasant anti-Semite" by naming one single instance of anti-Semitism on his part. Also the profoundly offensive assertion of him as a "lamentable human being", if valid, surely requires a more reasoned elucidation than Levin provides.

Yours etc.
ELISABETH FURTWÄNGLER,
CH-1815 Clarens,
Le Basset-Coulon, Switzerland.

Poland's future

From Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir John Grandy and others

Sir, The recent visit to London by Poland's prime minister should stir the memories of those old enough to recall the part played by the gallant Poles in defending Britain.

We went to war in 1939 to help the Poles. Alas, 1945 brought them no salvation, only another form of tyranny. But now they have the opportunity to rebuild their country and its battered economy and Mrs Suchocka's plea to John Major deserves to be answered in a practical and constructive manner, as you urge in your leading article of March 4.

Is it not time for the nation as a whole to prick its conscience and make an unqualified announcement of its support for the admission of Poland to the European Community?

Yours sincerely,
J. G. GRANDY,
MICHAEL BEETHAM,
FREDERICK ROSIER,
THOMAS KENNEDY,
DAVID PARRY-EVANS,
Polish Air Force Association
in Great Britain,
14 Collingham Gardens, SW5.

Police computer

From Mr Peter J. Cox

Sir, You report (March 2) that Sussex police, to speed investigations, are testing a computer called Mycroft, to complement their existing computer called Holmes.

The American science fiction writer Robert A. Heinlein, in 1966, wrote of a computer, "High-Optional, Logical, Multi-Evaluating Supervisor, Mark IV, Mod. L" or "Holmes Four". This computer became known as "Mike", after Mycroft.

Not for the first time, science fiction predates the "real world".

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. COX,
Heathfield,
Chestnut Walk,
Felcourt,
East Grinstead,
West Sussex.
March 2.

Soviet constitution

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, It was surprising to read in your leading article of March 6, "Russia's hour of peril", a reference to Stalin's 1936 constitution as the existing one for today's Russia.

In fact, the 1936 constitution was not merely "amended" but scrapped and replaced on November 7, 1977, the anniversary of the October Revolution. The new basic law, known as the "Brezhnev constitution", was marginally less propagandistic than Stalin's (the purpose of which was to beguile such fellow-travellers as George Bernard Shaw and the Webbs) and even verged on candour in article 28.

The latter article made it a duty of the USSR to support "the struggle of peoples for national liberation and social progress" (as in Vietnam and Afghanistan, for example) and article 30, which sang the praises of "socialist internationalism" (i.e., imperialism in Eastern Europe).

As for amendments, Gorbachev's contribution was a "law on the procedure for secession from the USSR", of April 3, 1990. This in effect nullified article 72 of the constitution, stipulating the right of each constituent republic "freely to secede" from the Soviet Union.

The legislation came approximately a month after Lithuania's decision to secede and thus its effects were retrospective. It was this constitutional mish-mash that President Yeltsin inherited and it is that which now circumscribes Yeltsin's freedom of action in "post-communist" Russia.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN CROZIER,
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162-168 Regent Street, W1.
March 8.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Role reversal

From Mr Robert Ornbo

Sir, Having dealt with Mr Hearne's level crossing (letters, March 2, 10), could your expert correspondents please explain why the sign for a school shows a girl leading a boy towards (or away from) his lessons, but, 50 years later, when they are old people crossing the road, the man is leading the woman?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT ORNBO,
4 Worlington Road,
Mildenhall, Suffolk.
March 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 13: The Prince Edward this afternoon attended the 77th Royal Navy versus Army Rugby Match at the Rugby Football ground, Twickenham, Middlesex, and was received by the President, Rugby Football Union (Mr Danie Serfontein).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 13: The Princess Royal, President, Federation Equestre Internationale, this afternoon arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from *Rio de Janeiro*.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 13: The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr Gerald Ward at the Memorial Service for Mr Ivo Fuchs which was held in Malmesbury Cathedral, Wiltshire, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 14: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport at the conclusion of His Royal Highness's visit to Australia.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Relate, will present the Family of the Year award at the Four Seasons Inn on the Park hotel at noon.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Sense, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will visit the Leigh Centre, Street Road, Glastonbury, at 10.30; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Frederick Theak, Shudrick Lane, Ilminster, at 1.05; and, as Patron of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, will visit the Sedgemoor bureau, the Lions, West Quay, Bridgwater, Somerset, at 2.40.

Gold Medal

Dame Elisabeth Frink has been awarded the Royal Society of British Sculptors' Gold Medal for distinguished services to sculpture.

Appointments

Mr David John Johnson to be British High Commissioner to Guyana in succession to Mr R.D. Gordon.

Dr Carole Ann Kaplan to be a member of the Council on Tribunals.

University news

Oxford
Jesus College
Election
To a four-year Official Fellowship and Tutorship in *French* from October 1, 1993: Dr Alison M. Finch.

Felsted School

Scholarship Awards 1993
Academic Scholarships: A P Royston, Lockers Park School; R A N Perkins, Felsted Preparatory School; N L Westacott, Holmwood House School; R C Garvey, B J O'Steen and R M Rountree, Felsted Preparatory School. **Courtauld Scholarship for Classics:** N L Westacott, Holmwood House School. **Girls Scholarships for Sixth Form Entry:** L E Murphy, St Mary's, *Colchester*; L A Silvester, *James Allen's Girls School*; C S Flett, Waterside School. **Music Scholarships:** R A N Perkins and C M Weston, Felsted Preparatory School; H S Rolls, Holmwood House School; G E McK Finch, The Pilgrims' School; A P Royston, Lockers Park School; R M Rountree, Felsted Preparatory School. **Art Scholarships:** C T King, Beechwood Park School; M S Hickes, Felsted Preparatory School. **Cuthbert Heath Centenary Bursaries:** A D Brown, Orwell Park Preparatory School; R A J Melton, Felsted Preparatory School.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne, prime minister 1834 and 1835-41, London, 1779; Dame Madge Kendal, actress, Cleethorpes, 1849; Emil von Behring, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1901, Hansdorf, Germany, 1854.

DEATHS: Julius Caesar, assassinated, Rome, 44BC; Otto von Kotzebue, navigator, Reval, Russia, 1846; Luigi Cherubini, composer, Paris, 1852; James Sylvester, mathematician, London, 1897; Sir Henry Bessemer, engineer, inventor, steel manufacturer, London, 1898; Walter Crane, illustrator, Horsham, 1915; August von Wasserman, bacteriologist, Berlin, 1925; Nevil Sidgwick, chemist, Oxford, 1952; Aristotle Onassis, shipping magnate, Paris, 1975; Dame Rebecca West, writer, London, 1983.

A bomb planted by Fenians exploded in *The Times* offices.Queen Victoria Street, London, 1883.

Nicholas II (the last Russian emperor), abdicated, 1917.

Nature notes

THE first chiffchaffs are back from the Mediterranean, very early this year: their clinking song is heard high in the treetops. Chaffinches are singing vigorously on every side: in recent years they have become very common birds again in Britain. Goldfinches are singing on telephone wires: the song is a more sustained version of their usual tinkling notes. Coots are building large nests of reeds and sedges in thin reed beds. A few great crested grebes already have eggs: the nest is like a coot's, but generally flatter, and the incubating bird sits on it with its head sunk into its shoulders and its gleaming white breast puffed out.

Hawthorns are bursting into leaf, and the first horse-chestnut buds are opening. On the dead-looking twigs of larch trees, there are tiny

The chiffchaff

heads of green on the woody buds. On hazel bushes, the red stars of the female flowers are open among the yellow male catkins. Primroses are coming into flower under the hedges, and the woolly leaves of comfrey are growing thick. The first butterflies are coming out of hibernation: brimstone butterflies fly fast along sunny woodland paths, and small tortoiseshells feed on the flowers of colt's-foot. DJM

MICHAEL POWELL

Plants on parade: exhibits from McBean's Orchids in East Sussex arrive for the London show and, below, one of the Royal Mail's new orchid stamps

RHS orchid show offers plant lovers a glimpse of the exotic

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Horticultural Society's orchid show, held at its Westminster headquarters at the weekend, included exhibits from orchid nurseries and amateur growers from all over England, reflecting the steadily increasing interest in these plants. Appealing to all tastes, the displays ranged from popular easily-grown hybrids to rarely-seen species.

McBean's Orchids, of Cooksbridge, East Sussex, a company that has been breeding orchids for nearly 100 years, staged a large exhibit of mainly its own hybrids, including massed displays of their popular cymbidiums, odontoglossums and phalaenopsis mounted on mossy trees festooned with Spanish moss. It was awarded a gold medal. An unsual cymbidium on McBean's stand was Mavourneen 'Jester', a peloric type in which the petals have the same markings as the lip. The flowers are pale green marked with magenta.

McBean's also showed a range of small cymbidium hybrids derived from Chinese *Cymbidium Floribundum*. The flowers are white with a crimson speckled lip. *Phalaenopsis* Party Dress was also shown, bred for compact habit and branched spikes of pink or white flowers. The only other gold medal winner was Ivens Orchids, of Sandridge, Hertfordshire, which featured cymbidiums and phalaenopsis that it supplies as cut flowers to florists, and a selection of the plants which are grown for garden centres.

Members of the Orchid Society of Great Britain staged a varied selection of species and hybrids from its private collections. Some are rare visitors to shows, particularly the pale bronze, purple lipped nun's orchid, *Phaius Tankervillae*, whose petals hang down over the lip, resembling a nun's wimple. Another highlight was a superbly grown *Paphiopedilum billosum* 'Ifield' with 16 shiny pale bronze and lime green flowers. It has received a certificate of cultural commendation from the RHS.

Members of the Thames Valley Orchid Society of Reading, Berkshire, staged a similarly varied exhibit, but with more miniature and small species, ranging from *Osmoglossum Pulchellum* with tiny flowers like flights of white moths, to *Zygopetalum Artur Elle* 'stonehurst' with dramatic chocolate and violet flowers.

Phalaenopsis Stuartiana with pendulus trusses of white flowers with crimson spotted lip, made an unusual centrepiece to the exhibit from Woodstock Orchids and Exotics of Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire.

The flamboyant crimson and vermilion flowers of a trigeneric hybrid named Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' drew visitors to the display from Greenaway Orchids of Puxton, Avon, as did the violet blue flowers of *Vanda* Rothschildiana, a rare colour in orchids.

☐ Five stamps depicting orchids go on sale tomorrow to mark the fourteenth World Orchid Conference being held in Glasgow next month. The 18p stamp, pictured above, illustrates *Dendrobium hellwigianum*, which is found in the mountains of east New Guinea. It was discovered by Franz Hellwig (1861-89), a botanist who worked for the German New Guinea Company and was one of the explorers of the New Guinea interior.

Service dinners

Queen's Lancashire Regiment
Lieutenant-Colonel B. Pickup, Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, presided at the annual dinner of The Queen's Lancashire Regiment Volunteer Dinner Club held on Saturday at Kimberley Barracks, Preston.

British Support Command
Colonel A.S. Feldman and Officers of the British Support Command Liaison and Movements Staff TA held their Nato Alliance dinner on Saturday at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham. Lieutenant-Colonel C.W.M. Milner Williams presided. Brigadier M.E. Browne, Colonel C.J. Constable, Colonel J.S. Riggall and Major N.G.P. Lawson were the principal guests.

The Queen's Association of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment
Lieutenant-Colonel P.D. McLelland, The London Regiment, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Middlesex branch of The Queen's Association of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment held on Saturday at the TA Centre, Edgware. Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Gunnell presided.

Dinners

London Cornish Association
The London Cornish Association held its anniversary dinner on Saturday at the Portman Hotel. Lord St Levan, president, accompanied by Lady St Levan, presided. Mr Howard Curnow was the principal guest and Baroness Seear the principal speaker.

Lord Mayor of Chester
The Lord Mayor of Chester was host at a dinner held on Saturday at Chester Town Hall to mark the inaugural conference of Lord Mayors and Lord Provosts of the United Kingdom. The Lord Mayors of London, Newcastle, Bristol, Birmingham, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Swansea and Westminster and the Lord Provosts of Aberdeen and Dundee were among the guests.

Lincoln's Inn

Dr Shanker Dayal Sharma, President of India, to be an Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

Memorial services

Sir Glyn Jones
A memorial service for Sir Glyn Jones was held on Saturday at the Chruch of St Cross, Holywell, Oxford. The Rev Dr Colin Thompson, Dean of St Catherine's College, Oxford, officiated.

Mrs Elisabeth Perchard, daughter, read *Psalm 121*, and Sir Patrick Nairne read the lesson. Dr E.B. Smith, Master, gave an address.

Major-General E.M. Hall
The High Sheriff of Cornwall attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major-General Edward Michael Hall held on Saturday at St Cleer Parish Church, near Liskeard.

Canon M.A. Friggens officiated. Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Hall, son, read the lesson and Colonel Charles Storey gave an address. The Ven Arnold Wood pronounced the blessing.

Mr Albert Hourani
A memorial meeting for the life and work of Mr Albert Hourani was held on Saturday at St Antony's College, Oxford. The speakers included Sir Ralf Dahrendorf, Warden, Professor André Raymond, Professor Tarif Khalidi, Dr Roger Owen and Dr Derek Hopwood.

Birthdays today

Mr Alexander Bernstein, chairman, Granada Group, 57; Miss Isobel Buchanan, soprano, 39; Mr P.J. Butler, senior partner, KPMG Peat Marwick, 64; Sir Jack Callard, former chairman, British Home Stores, 80; Lord Constantine of Stanmore, 83; Mr Frank Dobson, MP, 53; Mr John Dunne, actor, 45; the Right Rev John Gibbs, former Bishop of Coventry, 76; Professor John Gillingham, neurologist, 77; Earl Haig, 75; Mr Nicholas Hinton, director-general, Save the Children Fund, 51; Mrs Deirdre Hutton, chairman, Scottish Consumer Council, 44; Sir Leonard Knowles, former Chief Justice of The Bahamas, 77; Sir John Lacy, former General Director of Party Campaigning, Conservative Central Office, 67; Mr R.D. Lane, headmaster, Monmouth School, Gwent, 49; Mr Mike Love, singer, 49; Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, 69; Professor Joan Mitchell, economist, 73; Mr Michael Moore, chairman, NSPCC, 57; Mr Robert Nye, novelist and poet, 54; Mr Ben Okri, author, 34; Sir Philip Powell, CH, architect, 72; Lord Rendlesham, 78; Sir Roger Tomkys, diplomat, 56.

Church news

Mr Christopher Harvey Clark, QC, has been appointed Chancellor of the diocese of Winchester, succeeding Mr John Spokes, QC.

Clergy appointments
The Rev Gerald Clothier, Team Vicar, Beccles St Michael w St Luke: to be Rector, Rougham and Beyton w Hessett and Rushbrooke (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).
The Rev Sheila Watson, a Selection Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House, Westminster: to be Senior Selection Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House Westminster.
The Rev Philip Wood, Vicar, St Luke, Walthamstow and Rural Dean of Waltham Forest: to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral (Chelmsford).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Canon Colin Beswick, Vice Dean and Custos of Norwich Cathedral (Norwich): to retire as from September 30.
The Rev Michael Lennox, Rector, Kingsnorth w Shadoxhurst (Canterbury): to retire from August 31.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr B.P. Dakowski and Miss S.J.L. Donne
The engagement is announced between Bruce, elder son of the late Tomasz Dakowski and of Mrs Vera Key Sloane, of Sarasota, Florida, and Serena, daughter of Mr David Donne, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and the late Mrs Jennifer Donne.

Mr R.S.C. Jarrett and Miss P.C. Schumacher
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Clive Jarrett, of Staverton, Northamptonshire, and Pia, only daughter of the late Herr Heinrich Schumacher and of Frau Aira Schumacher, of Wendlingen, Baden Württemberg.

Mr M. McLaren and Miss S. Reid
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr and Mrs Guy McLaren, of Chantilly, France, and Sally, daughter of the late Mr James Reid and of Mrs Reid, of Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr C.F. Marchant and Miss M.D. Bhathena
The engagement is announced between Cyrus, elder son of Professor F.E. Marchant and the late Mrs Diana F. Marchant, of Raynes Park, London, and Meher, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Bhathena, of Bombay.

Mr R. Melrose and Miss S.L. Jansen
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Melrose, of Soto Grande, Spain, and Sharon, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clem Jansen, of Knighton, Leicester.

Mr P.K. Mott and Miss S.J.C. Price
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Mott, of Whaplode, Lincolnshire, and Shelagh, younger daughter of Mr Norman Price and the late Mrs Aline Price, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Captain M.J.S. Urch, RAOC, and Miss L.I. Newbery
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Dr and Mrs David Urch, of Richmond, Surrey, and Lynn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Newbery, of Welling, Kent.

Mr D.R. Winter and Miss N.A. Vaughan
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr C.R. (Fred) Winter and Mrs Winter, of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Kuwait, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs George Vaughan, of Barrowby, Lincolnshire.

Marriages

Mr A.H.J. Muir and Mrs A.M. Jenkins
A service of blessing was held on Friday, March 12, at The Parish Church of St John, Itchen Abbas, after the marriage of Mr Andrew Muir to Mrs Ann Jenkins.

Mr D.P. Robinson and Miss K.I.A. Kaye
The marriage took place on March 6, 1993, at St Mary's Church, Kintbury, of Mr Dominic Robinson to Miss Katharine Kaye.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Henrietta Carnegy, Rebecca and Hannah Bruce, and Harry Vickers. Mr Jamie White was best man.

The reception was held at the home of the bride.

Times Map of the Western Balkans

The Times Map of The Western Balkans is published today by *Times Books*. *An indispensable* background to the current disturbances in the former Yugoslavia, it consists of a large-scale map showing physical features, communications, towns and villages, and an ethnic map based on the last government census. *The Times Map of The Western Balkans* is available from Bookshops at £5.99.

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BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On March 9th, to Gillian (née Alcester) and Mark, a son, James Arthur Robert, a brother for Kate.

ATKINS - On March 10th, to Emma (née Lock) and Simon, a daughter, Rosemma Kate.

BROOKS - On March 10th 1993 at Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Cecilia (née Borrelli) and Jeremy, a daughter, Elise Charlotte.

GLAISTER - On March 8th, to Melita and Stephen, a daughter, Jessica Louise.

HONE - On 8th March, to Laura (née Stirling-Aird) and Nat, a daughter, Georgiana Mary.

KEOGH - On 4th March 1993, to Claire (née Minett) and Kevin, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Hannah.

SAUL RADUNSKI and Helen McBride are delighted to announce the birth of our son Milo, born at Melbourne on 2nd March. Mother and child both fine and happy.

SPENCE-JONES - On March 10th, to Maureen (née Birch) and Kim, a daughter, Helen Clare, a sister for Carl Peter.

DEATHS

CAROZZI - Antony, died peacefully in Southampton on March 11th 1993, aged 64 years. R.I.P. No flowers. Enquiries to R. Hallam & Son, 126 St Mary Street, Southampton (0703) 223494

DEATHS

FANCOURT - On March 11th, peacefully in hospital, after a determined fight against cancer, Captain Rodney Fancourt R.N.R., aged 66. Much loved husband of Anne, father of Fiona, Nigel and Michael and grandfather of Jamie, Duncan and Victoria. Thanksgiving Service at St Catherine's Church, Littleton, Winchester, on Friday 19th March at 2.45 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to King George's Fund for Sailors or Littleton Church Seating Fund (Cheques payable to Littleton P.C.C.) c/o JNO Steel and Son, Chesil Street, Winchester.

PRICE - Passed away at Orpington Hospital on 10th March 1993. William Charles. Loving husband of Nest, father of David and Elizabeth, grandfather of Esther and Sarah. Funeral Service Thursday 18th March at Eltham Crematorium at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only, but all donations to Chest Heart Stroke Foundation, c/o S. Smith & Sons, 127 Lingfield Road, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5DY (0732) 862117.

RITCHIE - On March 11th, Major Andrew R.E. retired. After illness courageously borne. Much beloved husband of Penelope and father of Katherine, James and Adam. Funeral Service at St Dunstan's Church, Ballonsborough, on Thursday 18th March at 11am. No flowers, donations to St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton.

DEATHS

UPTON - On March 11th 1993 peacefully at home, Col. Douglas Upton O.B.E. aged 62 years. Beloved husband of Jane, father of Simon, Jeremy and Alastair, grandfather of Alicia, Emily and Benedict. Funeral Service at St Thomas a Becket Church, Pagham, on Friday March 19th at 11.15am. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society may be sent c/o Kevin Holland Funeral Service, 246 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis, tel: (0243) 868630.

WATKINS - On 10th March 1993, peacefully in hospital, Gladys aged 90 years. Dearly loved mother of Ann and grandmother of Alexander and Rachel. Funeral to be held at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 18th March at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Aster Ward Endowment Fund c/o Ashton Funeral Service, 140 Alexandra Road, Wimbledon, SW19 7JY. tel: (081) 946-1051.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MORRIS - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Richard Lawrence Mayo Morris will be held at Farm St Church, London W1 on Friday, 19th March at 2.30pm.

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OBITUARIES

LORD UNDERHILL

Lord Underhill, former national agent of the Labour party and deputy leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, 1982-89, died on March 12 aged 78. He was born on May 8, 1914.

HENRY Reginall (Reg) Underhill, an active member of the Labour Party from the age of 15, was the first senior member of the party hierarchy to give serious warning of the damage which infiltration by the Militant Tendency could do. For many years, however, his proved to be a voice crying in the wilderness.

The periodic reports he submitted, dating from 1974, on the entryist tactics being adopted by the Trotskyists in constituency parties were persistently kept away from the media by the national executive of the party. Increasingly dominated by the left, the NEC decided to let the reports "lie on the table".

The attitude of NEC members such as Tony Benn was that the party should not embark on a witch-hunt; that Labour was a "broad church" (in Harold Wilson's phrase) and that it should embrace all sorts and conditions of viewpoints.

Underhill never accepted any of this but, as a paid servant of the party, had to abide by the NEC's ban on publicity (though he was not above a little gentle leaking, notably to Nora Beloff of *The Observer*). He retired from the party headquarters in July 1979 but it was not until eight months later that the NEC decided that he should be allowed to publish his report — at his own expense. The statements subsequently made by Derek Hatton, among others, more than justified both his research and his conclusions. He had insisted time and again that Militant was not just a faction or a pressure group but "a party within a party" and one dedicated to changing the entire structure of society by revolutionary and not democratic means. It was not, however, until 1985 — and Neil Kinnock's famous party conference confrontation with Militant over Liverpool — that the party as a whole came round to accepting his view.

Underhill could claim, of course, to have had some experience of the take-over tactics employed by the far left. A staunch ally in his early days in Transport House of such right-wing disciplinarians as Bessie Braddock, Ray Gunter and Dame Sara Barker, he had stood firmly with them in seeking to rescue the then newly formed Young Socialist movement from the clutches of the Workers' Revolutionary party. Only after the 1964 general election was the bulk of the NEC forced to conclude that the four of them had been right about the inspiration of the Keep Left group, which had taken control of the Young Socialists' national committee, while they had been wrong.

As national agent, Underhill could also claim to have foreseen where the drift away from parliamentary democracy towards greater authority by the party conference would lead. He was not surprised by the breakaway of a baker's dozen of Labour MPs to form the Social Democratic party in March 1981. He himself, though, remained firmly in the mainstream of the party and was among the first to back the Labour Solidarity campaign.

Nothing less perhaps could have been expected of someone who even by then had been a member of the party for over half-a-century. Underhill joined the Labour party in 1930 and in his teens held various offices in the former Labour League of Youth, which organised sports and social events as well as political meetings. He played soccer and took part in track and cross-country athletics. He was captain of the Leyton section of the Clarion cycling club. He and his wife-to-be raced on a tandem. He was a life-long supporter of Leyton Orient FC.

As joint general secretary (1935-1937) of the British Workers' Sports Association, he often went abroad as manager of the British Workers' Olympiad Team. He was in Barcelona with the team in the summer of 1936 when the Fascist troops marched in. They missed the last train out and eventually got back to Britain on board the destroyer, HMS *London*.

When he was 21, Underhill became honorary secretary and agent of the Leyton West constituency party, continuing this work for 11 years and forming a close friendship with its MP, the Rev R. W. Sorensen (later Lord Sorensen). He had started work, aged 15, as a junior clerk in a firm of Lloyds' underwriters. Four years later, in 1933, he joined the Labour party staff as an accounts clerk in the finance department.

During the war, Underhill, who had started life as a pacifist, was in the fire service in Leyton, being station branch secretary of the Fire Brigades Union and chairman of the fire force committee for east and northeast London. During the bombing raids on London his brigade was often called in to tackle big fires in the London docks and in the East end.

Rejoining the Labour party headquarters after the war his appointments were: administrative assistant to the national agent (1945), propaganda officer (1947), regional organiser, West Midlands (1948), assistant national agent (1960), national agent (1972-79). The only hiccup in the steady career progress of a man who seemed cut out for the life of a party official came in 1969 when he was, surprisingly, passed over for the post of national agent in favour of a younger man, Ron Hayward, then the party's southern regional organiser. This effectively precluded him from ever becoming general secretary of the party, an office that went to Ron Hayward in 1972 on the casting vote of Tony Benn (with Underhill not even remotely being the runner-up).

It thus came as a surprise when he was created a life peer in Lord Callaghan's resignation honours list. National agents do not normally go to the Lords but he had become close to the former prime minister during the late 1970s when Callaghan was being harried by the left on the national executive.

Underwood displayed talents in the Lords which had been suppressed during his long years as a party bureaucrat. He revealed a confident, persuasive speaking style and became a frontbench spokesman on transport and electoral reform. He was so effective that he served as deputy leader from 1982 to 1989 and only failing health forced him to give up the post.

He lost the sight of one eye which cut him off from his two life-long pleasures — playing golf and watching Leyton Orient. He continued to attend the House of Lords, however, and only this month took his place in the Chamber and later attended a reception in Speaker's House.

Underwood married in 1937 Flora Janet Philbrick, who was also a worker for the Labour party. She survives him together with their two sons and a daughter.

NIGEL ROBSON

Nigel Robson, a senior City banker and former chairman of Grindlays Bank, died of cancer on February 25 aged 66. He was born on December 25, 1926.

NIGEL Robson played a prominent part in City affairs for over 20 years. His intellect and quiet, incisive manner made him a first class problem solver. At Grindlays Bank in the 1970s, and at the TSB and the Board of Banking Supervision in the 1980s, he was always at the heart of the City, often being called upon to help resolve the more challenging issues of his day.

After Eton, where he was Captain of the Oppidans, he served with the Grenadier Guards, mostly in Palestine, for the period of his National Service. His early career was devoted to merchant banking. He joined Arbuthnot Latham in 1949 and later became chairman. In 1969, while still with Arbuthnots, he became a director of Grindlays bank.

In 1975 he was appointed deputy chairman of Grindlays Bank and in 1977 succeeded *Lord Aldington as chairman*. He led the bank for the following seven years in very difficult circumstances and relinquished the chairmanship when ANZ Banking Group took control.

Thereafter he had a wide variety of appointments, many in the front-line of City affairs. In the mid-1980s he had a spell as chairman of Alexander Howden Underwriting, overseeing its divestment programme under the Lloyd's Act. He was London adviser to the Bank of Tokyo, chairman of the Royal Trust Bank and a director of TSB Group. He was a member of the Board of Banking Supervision at the Bank of England from the time of its inception. In 1987 he became chairman of the London Committee of the Ottoman Bank, on which he had served since 1959.

His work in the City did not prevent him from finding time to help other organisations. He was a non-executive director of British Sugar for four years under Berisford's ownership. In 1986 he became a member of the Committee of the Automobile Association, subsequently being appointed treasurer and later a vice-chairman. He always took a great interest in education and was a governor of two schools (King Edwards School, Witley, and St Aubyns School, near Brighton), and honorary treasurer of the University of Surrey. He was for some years honorary treasurer of the British Heart Foundation, and a member of the 250th Anniversary Committee of the Royal London Hospital.

He showed a tremendous dedication to each of the many jobs which he undertook. As a chairman his experience, knowledge and wit helped smooth proceedings; as a non-executive director he would not hesitate to challenge the views of the executive management.

Despite a long fight against cancer, he did his best to keep up with events, working by telephone right up to the final days.

He married Anne Gladstone in 1957. She survives him together with their three sons.

EDDIE CONSTANTINE

Eddie Constantine, American-born actor and star of postwar French cinema died in Wiesbaden, Germany, on February 25 aged 75. He was born Edward Constantinowsky in Los Angeles on October 29, 1917.

HAVING arrived in France aged 35, married with one child, and with only a modest career as a chorus dancer behind him, Eddie Constantine found substantial success as a French tough-guy, in the Humphrey Bogart style. In ten years he made 30 films. Audiences loved his American accented French and the way he would take a swipe at rude waiters and cock a snoot at the flics (police).

The role of FBI agent Lemmy Caution, based on Peter Cheyney's thrillers, fitted him perfectly. He had height, broad shoulders and a craggy face with scarred cheeks. The ability to down large quantities of whisky, as well as felling gangsters and hordes of beautiful blondes, both the innocent good and the vamps, were other Constantine screen attributes. He was tough with his fists and revolver yet was always what is known today as "cool".

He first achieved star status in the 1950s, an era when the French — except for hardcore Communists — had an almost unbounded admiration for things American. The memory of the GIs of the Liberation was still fresh and the United States maintained a large military presence in France.

Constantine was a physically larger version of Humphrey Bogart and le Bogart Français was one of his nicknames. The Lemmy Caution part also called for wisecracking and the occasional flashing smile so the comparison was not inappropriate.

Constantine, however, never escaped his image as Lemmy. In the 1960s and 1970s, directors such as Jean-Luc Godard and Rainer Fassbinder gave him roles, but in general he was second or supporting lead, while his TV appearances were often cameo parts. In all, he made more than 50 films, among them *Flight to Berlin* for the British director Christopher Petit.

Constantine was born to Russian and Polish immigrants who were opera singers. He sought to follow in their footsteps and studied music for two years at the Vienna Conservatory. However, once back in America he became a member of chorus lines on Broadway and for MGM in Hollywood., which provided training for his later career as a crooner. Marriage to a dancer, Helen Musil, took him to Europe in 1949 when she was hired by the Monte Carlo Ballet. While singing in Parisian cabarets, he was noticed by Edith Piaf and starred alongside her in a successful musical.

Film director Bernard Borderie saw in him the "sympathetic rogue" he sought for the role of Lemmy Caution. His recording success with "Cigarettes, whisky et p'tites pepees" (pepee is slang for girl) helped his reputation as both rogue and baroudeur (scrapper). Among his Lemmy films were *FBI seeks Lemmy Caution*, *Hot Lips-Cold Steel* and *In Blonde Satain's Spell*. He never read an entire script only his own part and his style, mixing hero and anti-hero, was copied by many other actors.

The start of the 1960s saw Constantine looking for new roles and Jean-Luc Godard provided them in three films, including *Alphaville*, as did Agnes Varda, another New Wave director in *Cleo de cinq a sept*.

Constantine used to joke that his work with Godard had killed his career as Lemmy Caution. But it was was more probably damaged by the emergencein the mid-1960s — when Constantine was approaching 50 — of James Bond, a more modern-style of screen tough-guy.In the 1970s and 1980s, Constantine made a dozen films in Germany where he settled in Wiesbaden with his third wife, Maja Faber-Janssen, a television editor.

Late in life, he became an owner of race horses, having earlier lost small fortunes at the races. He cut back on the whisky and cigarettes but in other respects lived life to the hilt.

Older fans continued to greet him with cries of "Lemmy, Lemmy" at film festivals — his last film, Lars von Trier's Europa with Barbara Sukowa was shown at Cannes in 1991 — but in real life, according to one of his female partners, Mylene Demongeot, he was "nice, soft and gentle".

For a long period, however, Constantine knew how to sell an image of himself that was completely the opposite.

THOMAS CASEY

Thomas Aquinas Casey, Director of the Corneo-Plastic Unit at East Grinstead died of cancer on February 25 aged 63. He was born on October 8, 1929.

THE primary surgical achievements of Tom Casey lay in extending the range of corneal grafting; by the 1950s this was already an established and secure procedure, but it was limited by the shortage of donor eyes and by the poor results in badly damaged corneas. To cope with the former Casey elaborated a technique for deep-freezing corneas, leading to the first report of their successful use (after a field-trial in Ethiopia), and their value was also proven when he established, some years later, a bank of tissue-typed corneas, to minimise the risk of rejection, by permitting a matching of donor and recipient. For grossly damaged corneas, he pioneered the operation of osteo-odento-keratoprosthesis, inserting a cuff of the patient's own dentine to grip a cylindrical plug of acrylic (on the grounds that dentine does not reject metal fillings, and would itself knit with the scarred corneal tissue); which led the way to a series of increasingly adventurous surgical exploits in the decades that followed.

Tom Casey qualified at University College, Dublin, in 1953, and studied at Moorfields before becoming senior ophthalmic registrar at Westminster Hospital. There he worked for nearly ten years, latterly as locum Consultant, until, in 1967, he was appointed as director of the Corneo-Plastic Unit on the sudden death of its founder, Sir Benjamin Rycroft. This enterprising department provided exactly the challenge and opportunities that suited his talents.

In 1977 he organised, almost single-handed, a successful three-day International Corneo-Plastic Congress, at London's Festival Hall: and for six years was honorary treasurer of the Royal Society of Medicine, where he had previously been president of the ophthalmological section.

He gave numerous lectures both in Britain and abroad published extensively in specialist journals and wrote several books, of which the latest, a prize-winning atlas of corneal dystrophies, came out only a year ago.

He had the happy conjunction of inspiration, administrative flair, industry and surgical dexterity. He co-founded, in the early 1950s, while still a registrar, a service of ophthalmic tape reports for ophthalmologists who liked being up-dated by means of the then newly available cassettes. Soon afterwards he founded an ophthalmic study club which, more than 30 years later, is still going strong.

Tom Casey was always modest about his attainments, as he floated serenely to the top, in spite of by-passing all the established university and postgraduate jobs. He simply relied on his natural flair and industry, supported by a family in whom he (justifiably) delighted.

As his career suggested, he was far from being the stereotype of a busy eye consultant. His expansive personality, inventive and witty, was more in keeping with the days of the Regency; his love of good living (particularly when the

haute cuisine was crowned by port and champagne) and his enjoyment of music and theatre, were all somehow fitted into a packed routine.

He always found time to pick a flower for his buttonhole to greet each Monday morning, priding himself on sporting the earliest carnation or the last of the season's roses. By the same token, he enjoyed being the first to get wind of any vagaries in the ophthalmic establishment, which, with a little embroidery, would lubricate many a stuffy congress. In short, he was generous, splendid company and a loyal friend.

Tom Casey is survived by his wife Maria, his daughter, and two son's, both of whom are surgeons.

WILLIAM COULTHARD

William Henderson Coulthard, CBE, research scientist, died on February 28 aged 79. He was born in Flimby Cumberland on November 24 1913.

WILLIAM Colthard was a mathematician and linguist who made a significant contribution to the allied cause in the second world war and was known to his friends and colleagues as "Bomb Sight Bill"

In 1935 he joined the Instrument Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment where he designed and developed new bombing techniques for the Royal Air Force. A quiet and scholarly man with a dry sense of humour, he wrote, at this time, a monograph entitled: The Art of Bomb Sighting.

At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was appointed senior scientific officer at the headquarters of the Air Ministry, which was evacuated to Harrogate. In 1944, with the rank of squadron leader in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, he was posted to India, carrying out there extensive testing of the latest designs of bomb sights. He was also responsible for liaison with the American Air Force in Malta, India and, later, in the United States — demonstrating the techniques developed by the RAF in their raids over enemy occupied territories. The work he did was classified as secret.

At the end of the war, he was appointed an official German translator, interpreting a Treatise on Mathematical Instruments by Capellen and other enemy documents such as the work of Grammel on gyroscopes. During this period he wrote articles in the technical journals together with a monograph on Bomb and Torpedo Aiming for the Ministry of Supply. He also published works entitled *Aircraft Instrument Design* (1951) and the *Aircraft Engineers Handbook* (1953).

William Coulthard was educated at Flimby Workington Schools, winning a Mather Scholarship to Armstrong College of the University of Durham.

In 1934 he was appointed to undertake research work with the Linen Industry Research Association and in the following year he joined the Instrument Department of The Royal Aircraft Establishment..

While Coulthard was serving in North Africa with the air photographic division of the Royal Aircraft Establishment he overflew large areas of these territories mapping them for the purposes of strategic bombing exercises.

In 1948 he obtained his civil pilot's licence. In 1951 as superintendent and later deputy director of the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment he was responsible for carrying out research into the development of tanks and other armoured vehicles at the army base in Chobham in Surrey. In this capacity, in 1962, at Fort Halstead near Sevenoaks, he conducted experiments into the development of weaponry and pyrotechnics associated with tank operations.

William Coulthard listed his hobbies as art, history, languages and photography. In 1964 he was awarded a diploma in the History of Art at London University. He retired from public service in 1974, devoting himself to his family, hobbies and to voluntary work for the elderly in Epsom and Ewell.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, whom he married in 1942 and a daughter Janet.

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TIMELESS TEST MATCHES.

From our Cricket Correspondent

The welcome decision by those in authority at Durban yesterday that the exhausted players should be allowed to pack their bags and go home was an admission that there can be a limit to time-limitless Test Matches. Whether the M.C.C. team could have been transported in time to catch their boat or not, it seems to have been agreed that honours could rest easy, and that 10 days of such cricket was enough.

It was a match in which no restriction was to be made as to the time taken in scoring runs, and South Africa, quite naturally, having won the toss, settled down to make the fullest use of a new wicket. It seemed after several days that they had achieved their object, and England, set the gigantic task of scoring 696 runs in order to win in the fourth innings, seemed to be in an impossible position. It appeared unlikely that the wicket, however carefully it had been manufactured, could endure for ever, but one day of rain and another day of rest gave England renewed hope, for when rolled the pitch became bound together, and the players were given a rest of which physically and mentally they were in greater need than their opponents.

When the game was continued on Monday it was the South African side that had to bear the strain of toiling all day and watching the match gradually slip out of their grasp. England, for their part, adapted themselves entirely to the circumstances and the play of Edrich in particular, who has gallantly belied the unkind things that have been said of him, and of P.A. Gibb, W.R. Hammond, and Paynter as well, deserves the approval of even the most censorious Australian critic.

It is, and always has been, an admitted fact that time is an essential factor in a game of true cricket, and it is impossible to understand why, because the game happens to be between two countries, the time limit should be discarded. Once any regard for time is ignored, the game resolves itself into a spurious run-making competition, in which little matters but the establishment of so-called "records." Certainly it is absurd to expect a team to go halfway round the world to watch rain falling, as it fell at Old Trafford last year, but there must be some middle line between no play and endless play.

The suggestion put forward by M.C.C. that the duration of a Test Match should be limited by the hours actually available for play and not by days, during which there might be rain, must surely be the sensible solution. Nothing can be done to make cricketers complete a match during days of rain, but something can be done to insist that they should arrive at some conclusion at the end of a specified number of playing hours. If they cannot do so then the game is drawn, and there is no harm in that, provided that each has had a fair chance of winning. But to ask lovers of cricket to accept a state of affairs which entails 10 days without providing a result is beyond reason, and one can only hope that this is, indeed, the end.

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A record Test match aggregate of 1,981 runs was achieved, made up of South Africa 530 and 481; England 316 and 654 for 5 (Paynter 120, Hammond 140, Edrich 219).

NEWS

Lamont builds Budget to survive

■ Norman Lamont will seek to ensure his survival as Chancellor tomorrow by using his Budget speech as a springboard for a medium-term strategy, trailing measures to be introduced in November.

By inextricably linking the two budgets, he would make it *difficult for the prime minister to remove him in the summer*, his supporters believe. A successor would also be reluctant to take office with his hands tied..... **Pages 1, 33, 34**

Storms devastate US East Coast

■ One of the worst storms this century swept up the Atlantic coast of the United States, leaving a trail of death and destruction from the Florida Keys to northern New England. Twelve states declared a state of emergency..... **Pages 1, 9**

Protection force

Cabinet ministers and other VIPs under terrorist threat have forced Scotland Yard to abandon plans to streamline its protection service in a cost-cutting exercise..... **Page 2**

Aids doctor worked

A general practitioner in Bolton, Greater Manchester, who died of an Aids-related illness last summer had been allowed to carry on working after advising colleagues that he had contracted the disease..... **Page 3**

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Two Russian brothers murdered in their flat in west London were *negotiating a £173 million loan* with a convicted American fraudster who has links with the American Mafia..... **Page 4**

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Good times are rolling again in Britain's restaurants. February's lists of bankruptcies included five London restaurants, but the mood of the trade has brightened *almost beyond recognition* since St Valentine's Day. **Page 3**

Goldsmith's view

Economic growth is the way to measure success, and science and technology are its principal tools. That is the basis of modern thought, but I question it **Page 5**

Rising standards

Classroom standards are beginning to rise as schools adjust to the national curriculum, inspectors say today in a wide-ranging assessment of the government's main education reforms. **Page 7**

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Australian voters have returned the Labor government of Paul Keating in a bitterly fought federal election, defying opinion poll and media predictions of an opposition win ..... **Page 8**

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President Yeltsin, smarting from a Congress of People's Deputies which flouted his authority and spurned his offers of compromise, retreated to his country residence with his cabinet, apparently to draw up an appeal to the people to back him against the legislature..... **Page 10**

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China launched a fresh attack on Chris Patten's decision to widen democratic reforms in Hong Kong and accused Britain of a "perfidious act"..... **Page 11**

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Helmut Kohl has pulled off a political triumph securing the *agreement of all Germany's parties* and states to a drastic austerity package to ward off recession and raise money for rebuilding the east ..... **Page 10**

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The acquisition of nuclear weapons by Iran could be a threat to Tehran's own security, according to Dr Hassan Ruhani, secretary of the Supreme Council for National Security and one of the Islamic government's most powerful figures..... **Page 11**

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■ Good times are rolling once again in Britain's restaurants. Although February's list of bankruptcies included five London restaurants, the mood of the trade has brightened almost beyond recognition since St Valentine's Day — the day on which Sir Terence Conran opened his £2.5 million, 400-seater restoration of Quaglino's in St James's ..... **Page 3**

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■ How on earth did my lawyer's bill add up to all that? Patrick Stevens gives a beginner's guide to where the *money* goes.

Restoring glory days

■ Three years fire destroyed the Art Deco auditorium of the Savoy Theatre. When it reopens with a royal gala performance by the English National Ballet, will the former glory of one of London's landmark theatres have been restored?

Ghosts in the machine

■ Whatever happened to Shakespeare's ghost: how the most famous apparition in English theatre has changed over the centuries.

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Ten years ago President Reagan announced his Star Wars initiative, a space shield that would destroy Soviet missiles. But as *Horizon* reveals, the technology was seriously lacking (BBC2, 8.00pm).. **Page 35**

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Tomorrow's Budget must provide a clear statement of intent, underlined by a small downpayment of higher taxes. If Mr Lamont can provide this, the next step for Britain should be still lower interest rates and faster economic growth ..... **Page 15**

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The politicians want to bind Australia to Asia ... but real friendships like that of the old Commonwealth and of the Anglo-Saxon countries will be harder to come by ..... **Page 15**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

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PETER RIDDELL

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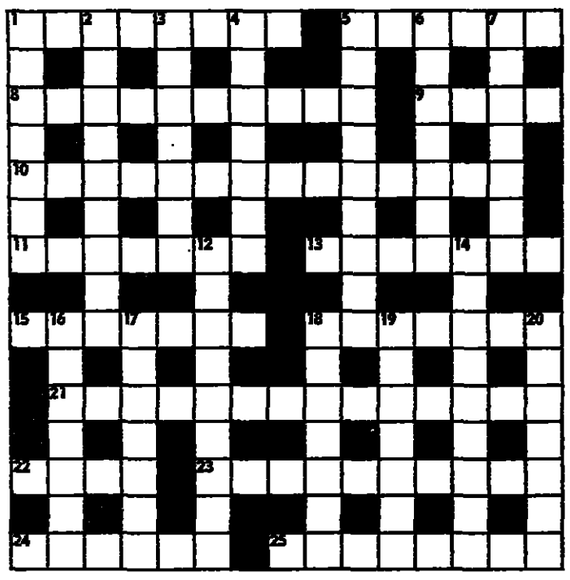

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18 Hounds that track blackbirds?.
21 In good condition — OK for a pot-stand (5,2,1,6).
22 Nonsensical edict? (4).
23 Hard to lace, perhaps, having several sides (10).
24 Bits of man-made bristle found here (6).
25 Given a hair cut, so turned mutinous (8).

DOWN

1 Struggle to give the king fruit (7).
2 Saul's diet produces languor (9).
3 Second pressing (7).
4 *Note parent is half-hearted* and more aloof (7).
5 A way to act in the capital — where you can see the stars (9).
6 Like certain knights in conversation with horseman (7).
7 Ratlike creature often seen at the wheel (7).
12 More than one offering to put oil on bars when new (9).
14 Rescuer gives animal an organ transplant? (9).
16 Pack up — the monarch has nearly finished in the tent (7).
17 This soldier is a habitue (7).
18 Show of boldness causing endless Indian trouble (7).
19 The cockney's bald and stuffy (7).
20 Came to an agreement and paid (7).

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,177 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

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WEATHER

Much of England and Wales will be dry and bright, with the best of the sunshine in the South and East. Western coasts will be more cloudy, with a little drizzle. Northern England and North Wales will become cloudy with rain by evening. Southern and eastern Scotland and much of Northern Ireland will start dry. Rain over northwest Scotland will spread southeast. Brighter, dry weather will follow. Outlook: outbreaks of rain spreading north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	f	Luxor	26	79	s
Akrotiri	15	59	s	Madrid	9	48	d
Alex'dria	15	59	c	Majorca	16	61	f
Algiers	19	66	f	Malaga	17	63	f
Amst'dam	14	57	f	Malta	13	55	r
Athens	14	57	f	Melb'rne	28	82	s
Bahrain	19	66	s	Miami	13	55	s
Bangkok	33	91	s	Milan	13	55	s
Barbads	29	84	s	Montreal	-11	12	f
Barcelna	13	55	d	Moscow	0	32	sn
Beirut	15	59	f	Munich	13	55	s
Belgrade	13	55	s	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	14	57	s	Naples	16	61	s
Bermuda	21	70	f	N Delhi	25	77	f
Biarritz	17	63	f	N York	-5	23	f
Bordx	17	63	s	Nice	15	59	f
Brussels	15	59	s	Oslo	3	37	c
Budapst	3	37	c	Paris	16	61	s
B Aires	30	86	f	Peking	8	46	c
Cairo	19	66	f	Perth	24	75	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Prague	12	54	s
Chicago	7	19	s	Reykjavik	6	43	f
Ch'church	17	63	s	Rhodes	14	57	s
Cologne	16	61	s	Rio de J	34	93	s
C'hagn	9	48	s	Riyadh	21	70	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Rome	14	57	s
Dublin	13	55	c	Salzburg	12	54	s
Dubrovnik	14	57	f	S F'isco	18	64	c
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago	23	84	s
Florence	14	57	s	S Paulo	30	86	f
Frankfurt	14	57	s	Seoul	11	52	r
Funchal	17	63	f	Sing'por	28	82	r
Geneva	10	50	c	St'kholm	4	39	c
Gibraltar	13	55	r	Strasb'g	15	59	s
Helsinki	6	43	s	Sydney	23	73	c
Hong K	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	17	63	c
Innsbruck	10	50	s	Tenerife	19	66	s
Istanbul	8	46	f	Tokyo	13	55	s
Jeddah	28	82	s	Toronto	-12	10	f
Jo'burg	21	70	f	Tunis	16	61	c
Karachi	31	88	s	Valencia	12	54	f
L Palmas	20	68	s	Van'ver	7	45	r
Lisbon	14	57	f	Vienna	9	48	s
Locarno	12	54	s	Warsaw	7	45	s
London	14	57	s	Wash'ton	-3	27	f
L Angels	18	64	s	Wel'ton	16	61	s
Luxemb'g	12	54	s	Zurich	11	52	s

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (62F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 61 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,020.3 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST TEMPERATURES

Saturday: Highest day temp: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway, 0.40in; highest sunshine: Herne Bay, Kent, 9.5hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.9hr.

CARDIFF

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3hr.

UK

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.5	-	12	54	bright
Anglesey	2.3	-	11	52	bright
Ardamore	1.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Belfast	1.8	0.01	13	55	shower
Birmingham	2.5	-	14	57	bright
Bognor Regis	7.0	-	13	55	sunny
Bristol	4.9	-	15	59	sunny
Buxton	3.1	-	13	55	bright
Cardiff	4.1	-	13	55	sunny
Clacton	5.1	-	10	50	sunny
Cromer	x	-	17	63	sunny
Douglas	x	-	9	48	fog
Edinburgh	0.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	0.05	9	48	rain
Exmouth	0.8	-	11	52	fog
Falmouth	1.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Folkestone	5.5	0.02	11	52	sunny
Glasgow	0.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Guernsey	10.0	-	14	57	sunny
Hastings	5.7	-	11	52	sunny
Hunstanton	4.3	-	14	57	bright
Jersey	8.9	-	17	63	sunny
Kinloss	6.9	-	15	59	bright
Leeds	2.3	-	14	57	bright
Lerwick	5.8	0.05	14	57	sunny
Littlehampton	8.0	-	12	54	sunny
Liverpool	2.2	-	14	57	bright
London	4.5	-	17	63	sunny
Lowestoft	7.2	-	13	55	sunny
Manchester	2.9	-	15	59	sunny
Margate	x	-	15	59	sunny
Minehead	7.4	-	16	61	sunny
Morecambe	0.4	-	13	55	cloudy
Newquay	3.0	-	14	57	bright
Nottingham	3.1	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	x	-	13	55	sunny
Plymouth	0.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Salcombe	-	-	11	52	dull
Saltcombe	-	-	16	61	sunny
Scarborough	7.3	-	14	57	bright
Scilly Isles	8.4	-	13	55	sunny
Southend	7.3	-	15	59	sunny
Stornoway	0.6	0.05	10	50	drizzle
Teignmouth	1.2	-	11	52	dull
Tenby	4.7	-	12	54	sunny
Tiree	1.6	0.02	11	52	bright
Torquay	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Wick	6.2	-	13	55	sunny
Wortning	7.6	-	11	52	sunny

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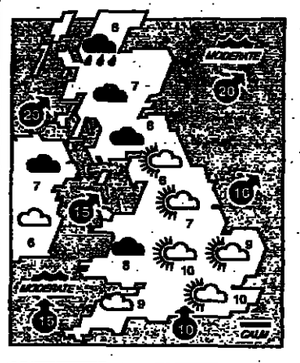
EUROPE



YESTERDAY

London 6.05 pm to 6.15 am
Bristol 6.15 pm to 6.25 am
Edinburgh 6.19 pm to 6.38 am
Manchester 5.13 pm to 6.24 am
Penzance 6.27 pm to 6.36 am

Sun rises: 6.15 am — Sun sets: 6.05 pm
Moon sets: 10.13 am — Moon rises: 2.09 am
Last Quarter 4.16am

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	c	Guernsey	10	50	s
B'mngham	12	54	c	Inverness	13	55	c
Blackpool	12	54	f	Jersey	13	55	s
Bristol	13	55	c	London	14	57	s
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'chester	12	54	c
Edinburgh	12	54	c	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	11	52	r	R'nkldway	9	48	c

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.32	6.5	5.55	6.2	Liverpool	3.50	8.0	4.25	7.6
Aberdeen	6.14	3.4	7.09	3.4	Lowestoft	2.16	2.2	2.37	2.0
Avonmouth	11.54	10.5	—	—	Margate	4.37	4.3	5.02	4.1
Belfast	4.04	3.0	4.49	3.0	Milford Haven	11.08	5.5	11.42	5.4
Cardiff	11.39	9.9	—	—	Newquay	10.06	5.6	10.41	5.5
Devonport	10.47	4.4	11.10	4.5	Oban	10.12	2.8	11.11	2.9
Dover	3.41	5.9	4.12	5.5	Penzance	10.02	4.4	10.27	4.5
Falmouth	10.17	4.2	10.40	4.3	Portland	11.05	1.4	11.31	1.4
Glasgow	5.19	4.5	5.36	4.2	Portsmouth	3.58	4.1	4.42	4.0
Harwich	4.27	3.6	4.51	3.3	Holyhead	3.04	4.7	3.50	4.4
Holyhead	3.04	4.7	3.50	4.4	Shoreham	3.33	5.4	4.16	5.0
Hull	11.09	6.3	11.54	6.0	Southampton	3.43	4.0	4.29	3.8
Ilfracombe	10.45	7.2	11.20	7.0	Swansea	11.18	7.6	11.47	7.5
King's Lynn	11.17	5.3	—	—	Tees	8.40	4.5	9.27	4.4
Leith	7.45	4.6	8.25	4.6	W'ton-on-Nze	4.26	3.8	4.49	3.5

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	0.00	0.00
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Canada $	00.00	00.00
Denmark Kr	00.00	00.00
Finland Mrk	0.00	00.00
France Fr	0.00	0.00
Germany Dm	0.00	0.00
Greece Dr	000.00	000.00
Hong Kong $	00.00	00.00
Ireland Pt	0.00	0.00
Italy Lira	0000.00	0000.00
Japan Yen	000.00	000.00
Netherlands Gld	0.000	0.000
Norway Kr	00.00	00.00
Portugal Esc	000.00	000.00
South Africa Rd	0.00	0.00
Spain Pta	000.00	000.00
Sweden Kr	00.00	00.00
Switzerland Fr	00.0	00.0
Turkey Lira	0000.00	0000.00
USA $	0.000	0.000
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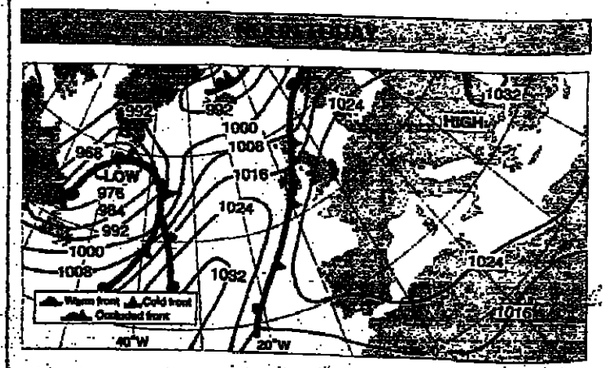

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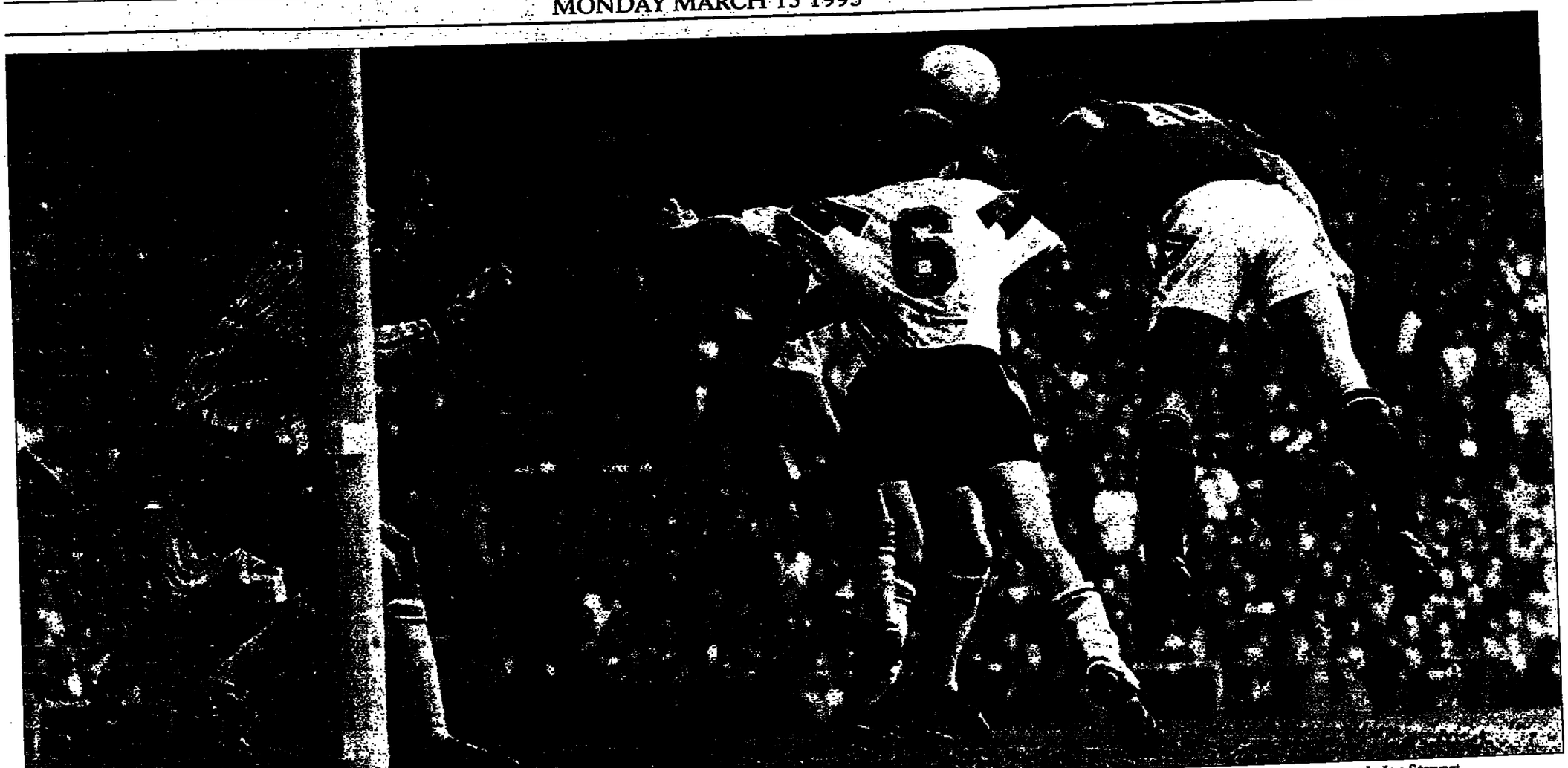

Heading for the top: Hughes leaps above Teale to meet Cantona's pass and power Manchester United's equaliser past Bosnich in the Aston Villa goal at Old Trafford yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Villa resist United's charge

Manchester United..... 1
Aston Villa 1

OLD Trafford reverberated, as of old, to the sound of gunfire and emotion. In the most eventful contest of this first Premier League season, Manchester United carved no fewer than 15 scoring openings against the third best defence in the championship. To have failed to win was frustrating, providing satisfaction only for resilient Aston Villa ... and a passive Norwich.

United should have moved a decisive step closer to their first title for 26 years, yet the insistent flow of their attacking game, unrelenting yesterday, makes the prize for which they and their supporters ache no less likely than beforehand.

Villa, on the other hand, with a midfield endlessly recoiling and rebounding at the opposition like some punch ball, find their ambition in no way reduced. One point was arguably the more valuable to them, and they owed it more than anything to their remarkable 21-year-old goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich.

Returning to Australia from Old Trafford two years ago for lack of the work permit required by a Yugoslav, he almost became lost to the sunshine life, but marriage to an English girl provided him with the bass for the permit he needed to return. And here he was, playing his eighth first team game in a row for the title challengers instead of for Sydney Croatia, and playing the game of his life.

What a match this was! Both teams were a testimony to the sustained upper level — nowadays uncomfortably thin — of the English game, with that robust element of adventure that foreigners still envy. Norwich deserve anything they may yet achieve though it is preferable that one of these two powerful clubs should be our representatives in next season's European Cup.

United should have been three up at half time, then went one down to Staunton's long range drive, nine minutes into the second half, quickly equalised with Hughes' bullock header, and were if anything more dominant thereafter than in the first half. Richardson, Villa's skipper, had only their fourth significant shot of the match a minute from time. The standing ovation from a 36,000 crowd was nonetheless deserved by every player on the pitch.

Most erudite of all was the velvet-footed Cantona, the pivotal point of Manchester's attack the way Viollet used to be all those years ago. When, in the opening 20 minutes, it was Villa who held a marginal command in midfield, it was repeatedly Cantona, swerving, drifting, glancing deft passes, who turned the play towards the seemingly impassable Bosnich.

DAVID MILLER
At Old Trafford

There were so many exceptional individual performances. While Villa would certainly have gone under but for Bosnich's judgement when repeatedly narrowing the angle against on-rushing Manchester forwards, Manchester had to be grateful to the robust Bruce and Pallister for stifling the fleet footed Saunders and Yorke.

Most would say the expected duel between Ince and Richardson in midfield ended all square, so that if one searches for the reason why Manchester failed to capitalise on their openings, the blame as such probably lies with the delightful Giggs.

Alex Ferguson, like every manager at Old Trafford before him since the time Busby relinquished the seat, has received much criticism, but it is to his credit and his team's, that they stand where they do in spite — or because — of playing with two effective wingers, Giggs and Sharpe, in a 4-4-2 formation. What Manchester may lose in combative challenge for the ball, they gain in width and in attacking options. And in the entertainment of their fanatical crowd.

Between them, Giggs and Sharpe had maybe four possible opportunities to score, three of them for Giggs. The simplest, just on the half hour, fell to him when set free by Cantona's delicate pass squeezed through Villa's back line. With his own nimble side step, the young winger should have buried the ball, but somehow Bosnich, who had already saved spectacularly from Cantona early on, half smothered the shot which screwed wide.

And a minute after Hughes' equaliser, Giggs again might have settled it. Dribbling cross field right to left, he took a return pass from Sharpe on the left and had a clear sight of goal, but his shot was loose and high.

Long after the stadium had become silent and the sun had gone, George Best could be seen disappearing at the end of his commentary duties. He and Giggs are often likened to one another, but Giggs as yet has none of the steel nor the killer instinct that was there in Best even as a teenager.

So much of the burden for Manchester in midfield rests upon Ince and McClair, and although their team's counter attacking was gloriously exciting, the match had all the appearance at half-time of one that would turn Villa's way afterwards. So many chances wasted.

So it seemed when the ball dropped at Staunton's feet a few yards outside the left corner of the penalty area and although he seemed to mishit the ball, the result was a rising, swerving drive in which went in off the far post. The roar for revenge off the terraces reached a crescendo, and Irwin's cross over the goal mouth, headed square by Cantona to Hughes, quickly brought it.

Now Villa were constantly on the rails, though the bold gamble of replacing Parker with Daley did revive them. Still Manchester poured forward. Bosnich turned Gigg's free kick over the bar and Cantona jockeyed and tormented McGrath and Teale all the way to the final whistle.

MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel; P Parker, D Irvin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, E Cantona, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs.
ASTON VILLA: M Bosnich; E Barrett, B Small, S Teale, P McGrath, R Houghton, G Parker (G Daley, 69), K Richardson, S Staunton, D Saunders, D Yorke.
Referee: A Gunn (South Shalley).

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PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	33	17	10	6	50	28	61
A Villa	33	17	10	6	49	32	61
Norwich	33	17	8	8	45	46	59
Sheff Wed	31	13	10	8	41	34	49
QPR	33	13	8	12	45	40	47
Blackburn	32	12	10	9	43	32	46
Man City	32	13	7	12	44	35	46
Coventry	34	12	10	12	45	44	46
Southmpton	34	12	10	12	44	43	46
Tottenham	32	12	9	11	39	47	45
Ipswich	33	10	14	9	40	39	44
Arsenal	31	12	7	12	29	27	43
Chelsea	32	11	10	11	35	38	43
Liverpool	33	11	9	12	43	43	42
Wimbledon	33	11	9	13	40	40	42
Leeds	32	11	9	12	42	45	42
Everton	34	12	6	16	40	44	42
C Palace	31	8	11	12	37	47	35
Sheff Utd	32	9	7	16	39	52	34
Middlesbro	33	8	9	16	39	56	33
Notm For	31	8	8	15	30	42	32
Oldham	32	8	7	17	41	56	31

Prost claims 45th victory

ALAIN Prost put the politicking that has marred his return to Formula One temporarily behind him yesterday when he won a thrilling South African grand prix (Oliver Holt writes).

After a compelling early three-way battle between the Frenchman, Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher, Prost pulled away to record his 45th win in his 184th grand prix. Damon Hill was forced off on the sixteenth lap of his Williams debut, but Mark Blundell finished third in his first drive for Ligier.

Prost's victory was earned, however, under the shadow of disciplinary action. After he claimed the 21st pole position of his career on Saturday, the Frenchman said he would retire if he was "sanctioned" by the world council of Fisa, the sport's ruling body, when it meets in Paris on Thursday.

Fisa's leadership is annoyed over criticism he is alleged to have directed at them in an interview with a French magazine, but Prost claims he has been misrepresented and is to take a tape of the interview to the meeting.

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McKean's golden moment completes joy for Scotland

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN TORONTO

TOM McKean completed a wonderful weekend here for Scottish athletics when he led from gun to tape to take the 800 metres crown at the world indoor championships.

Following Yvonne Murray's 3,000 metres victory and the silver medal run of the little-known David Strang the previous night, McKean, 29, from Glasgow, continued the tartan success story with a superb run. The man so often pilloried for fouling up on the big occasion was determined to make no mistake this time, racing to the front immediately to keep out of trouble and defying his opponents to pass.

Jose-Luis Barbosa, of Brazil, pushed the Scot from behind on the opening back straight, but McKean remained unruffled as he dominated proceedings from the front. When Barbosa tripped during the pursuit on the penultimate lap, McKean opened daylight over the field and maintained a three-stride advantage to the line, winning in 1min 47.29sec, ahead of Charles Nkazamyampi, of Burundi, in 1min 47.62sec.

The field may not have been of the very highest class, but victory was an important confidence booster for McKean, who even briefly contemplated retirement from the track after failing to make the Olympic final in Barcelona.

Colin Jackson's attempt, earlier, to claim Britain's second gold medal failed when he was beaten into second place in the 60-metres hurdles.

Jackson's defeat was a reminder of his Olympic final last summer when Mark McKoy, of Canada, won after the Welshman had dominated the season. In their six races since, indoors and out, Jackson had won every one, but, when it counted, again he was unable to deliver.

McKoy, who trains with Jackson in Cardiff, and shares his coach, Malcolm Arnold, had one false start against his name and another would have disqualified him. To the naked eye, he appeared to have caught a second flyer, but the starter allowed the race to progess. McKoy had a discernible advantage by the first flight and, though Jackson and Tony Dees, of the United States, narrowed the gap, there was too much to do in the short time available.

McKoy recorded 6.41sec, Jackson and Dees 6.43sec. Both McKoy and Jackson cleared the five flights cleanly.

In the 400 metres, Harry "Butch" Reynolds, competing in his first international championships since returning from his suspension after failing a drugs test, won the 400 metres.

Murray's title, page 22

Heroic effort by England

FROM ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

ENGLAND yesterday showed all the spirit with which they founded the game of football over a century ago to reach the semi-finals of the world under-20 championship. They now face Ghana in Sydney while the tournament favourites, Brazil, tackle the host nation, Australia, in Melbourne. England needed penalties after extra time to eliminate Mexico on a hot, humid evening in Melbourne.

It is the spread of the four semi-finalists that reveals the way our young men are competing. The teams remaining represent four separate continents; other than England, they are from hot climates, accustomed to the bone-hard pitches here.

Although Australia resemble a true antipodean cousin in that their sweat and toil is a mirror of England's, it is England that compensate with great obduracy for the lack of spontaneous ball-playing skills. From the goalkeeper, David Watson, of Barnsley, whose penalty save while others were on their knees proved a match-winner, this was a performance of heroics.

The heat was on him in particular, but the collective will-power of the 13 players England used was proof positive that in perspiration, if not always inspiration, the English system keeps on producing qualities in depth which the rest of the world is obliged to respect.

Pollock: kept nerve to convert penalty

Brazil had predictably mesmerised the United States to win 3-0 in Adelaide and Ghana had taken 75 minutes to outlast the Russians before similarly proving that there is joy and goals in the newest continent of the game. And Australia, in Brisbane, had, like England, required extra time to beat Latin American opposition, though Australia's winner at least came from their centre forward, Agostino, during the sudden-death period of extra-time.

Nevertheless England, conceding but a single goal in four games, have built their challenge on defence in depth. They have overcome injuries to key players and stride on to a semi-final place that any European would be proud of.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: Brisbane: Australia 2, Uruguay 1 (aet). Sydney: Ghana 3, Russia 0. Melbourne: England 0, Mexico 0 (aet, England won 4-3 on pens). Adelaide: Brazil 3, United States 0.

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Barnsley goalkeeper grabs glory in world youth championship quarter-final

Watson saves day as England win penalty shoot-out

Rob Hughes, football correspondent, watches with pride as an England team demonstrates the value of the national style of play on a world stage

When it comes to heart and mind and sinew, the English lack for little. In outlasting Mexico in Melbourne, in winning a tense and dramatic and often obdurate struggle 4-3 on penalties after a 0-0 draw, our under-20 footballers demonstrated an almost warlike determination.

By the end, they were treading the waters of exhaustion, they were Englishmen, definitely not boys, marching upright and for the fourth consecutive night in Melbourne's Olympic Park proving that despite all the doubts so many have in the English qualities, they are desperately difficult to defeat. England will play Ghana, the African champions, in the semi-final in Sydney on Wedneday.

"It is a tremendous feeling to save a penalty," said David Watson, their goalkeeper, Barnsley born and bred, a strapping, blond six-footer who throughout his matches had barely made a mistake. He had anticipated Mexico's fifth penalty attempt by Juan Solis, their captain, dived to his right, and with both fists pushed it around the post.

Suddenly the boyhood in Watson propelled him across the running track and straight into the section of English supporters, many of them his contemporaries, to emerge draped in a Union Jack. "The last time England had penalties, I think I saved two out of 25," he said.

He exaggerates, but slightly, for England had lost at this age group in Europe 12-13 on penalties to Germany. Watson also observed that it would be a dream for the team around him to become only the second English team to reach a World Cup final. "I think we are going to do it," he said.

Who dares argue? This performance, like the others before it, was ground out on the basic principle of concentrating on defence first, of proving tough, hard, professional foot soldiers even where conditions are so alien that it becomes difficult to find the next breath.

More difficult by the minute. For before half-time England's gamble on the fitness of Barmby and Myers, the Tottenham forward in great pain from shin splints and the Chelsea defender still not recovered from a badly wrenched toe, was exposed. Both were taken off, to be replaced by Julian Joachim, the Leicester greyhound, and Marvin Harriott, the Oldham defender.

Harriott has already known rejection in his short apprenticeship, having been released by West Ham. But rejection, by the purists at any rate, has no effect on this side. David Burnside, their manager, was in his playing days an artist, a ball juggler. Yet he makes no apology for the pragmatism that maintains ten men behind the ball at most times.

"If we had had 50 to 60 internationals to practise, we could be more expansive. But considering this team has had only 12 internationals in three years, and that we have lost only once to Belgium, I am doing what any manager would do, concentrating on the basics. When this team becomes our Under-21 side, perhaps then we will show the world a more entertaining approach."

Intensity, then, is bound to be England's watchword. There were 2,000 English supporters among the 11,047 in the stadium, and, reminding us of those freer days when supporters could stand where they wished, they changed from end to end of arena in hopes of cheering the forwards to score. They contrasted with a small, musical band of Latins, from places such as El Salvador as well as Mexico, supporting the green-shirted opponents.

When, after only seven minutes, Barmby fell, clutching once again the right knee, the omens were wretched. But Chris Bart-Williams had one or two quixotic moments: he is rare among Englishmen that he can use both feet, he has intuition, and he danced some memorable moments down the right flank.

Yet Mexico threatened first in what was becoming a turgid match, when Watson had a rare moment of panic, hacked the ball away from Pearce, his defender, and Joel Sanchez enterprisingly tried to chip the ball into the unguarded net from 35 yards. The attempt drifted wide, and it served only to stiffen England's resolve.

Joachim did have one exciting burst down the left, but then his nerve and his hunger failed and he squared the ball wastefully across the goal and too far behind Bart-Williams.

That moment told us we would see little enterprise. The Mexicans played a waiting game, though in the 87th minute Gabriel Garcia, their best player, threatened England's goal before Harriott made a superb saving tackle.

The match then entered the phase of so-called sudden death (as opposed to slow death), in which the first goal would automatically end the contest. Two minutes into that time Alan Guadarrama superbly spun away from Pearce and whipped in a fierce cross from the left, inducing an acrobatic interception from Watson.

The frisson of this new Fifa introduction is certainly more appetising than the Russian roulette of penalty shoot-outs. However, although Garcia should have had a penalty when brought down by Pearce, even this attempt to oblige players to attack until the end fizzled out.

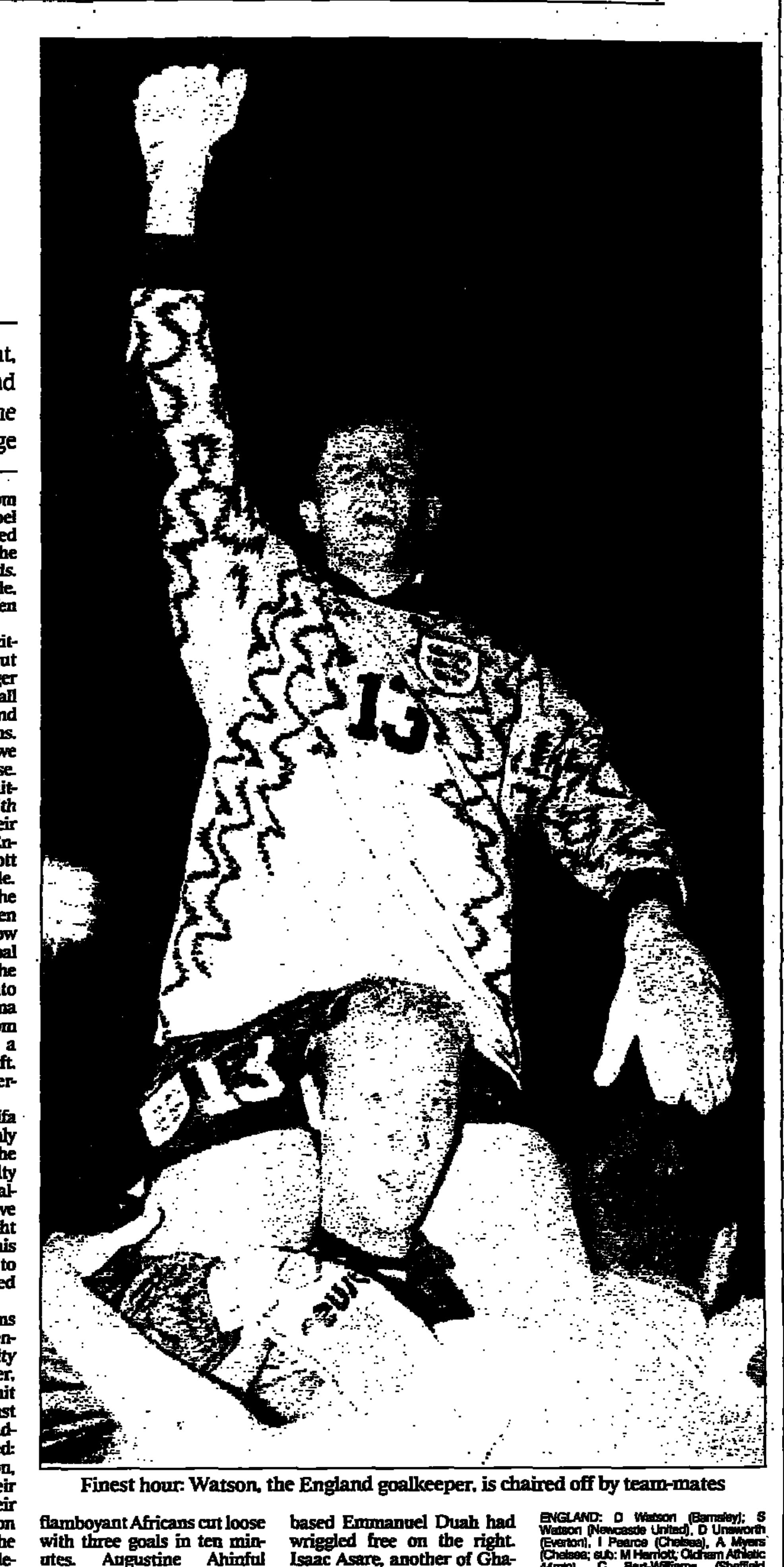
So, inevitably, the teams were forced into the horrendous false drama of penalty kicks. Mexico's first taker, Jesus Olalde, nervously hit the first kick straight against the crossbar. England's advantage was never wasted: Pollock, Caskey, Thompson, and Bart-Williams held their nerve and converted their penalties, and when Watson produced his save from the Mexican captain the deserved victory was won.

Ghana surged into the semi-finals with a 3-0 win over Russia in Sydney on Saturday. The Russians showed skill and tenacity to hold the Ghanaians until late in the second half, when the flamboyant Africans cut loose with three goals in ten minutes. Augustine Ahinful broke the deadlock when he surged on to pass and bustled off a defender to beat the Russian goalkeeper. Then Daniel Addo, the man of the match, who plays for Bayer Leverkusen in Germany, volleyed home after Italian-based Emmanuel Duah had wriggled free on the right. Isaac Asare, another of Ghana's eight European-based players, sealed it with a goal from a corner.

Nii Lamptey provided a stream of passes for the Ghana forwards, while C. K. Akonnor showed exceptional ball skills on the left wing.

ENGLAND: D Watson (Barnsley); S Watson (Newcastle United), D Unsworth (Everton), I Pearce (Chelsea), A Myers (Chelsea; sub: M Harriott, Oldham Athletic 44min), C Bart-Williams (Sheffield Wednesday), D Caskey (Tottenham Hotspur), N Barmby (Tottenham Hotspur; sub: J Joachim, Leicester City 42min), J Pollock (Middlesbrough), A Thompson (Newcastle United), A Hughes (Crewe Alexandra).

MEXICO: O Sanchez, F Amante, J Solis, D Davino, C Gonzalez, R Gonzalez (A Guadarrama 90min), J Sanchez, G Garcia, R Astiva, V Nieto (J Olalde 79min), L Salazar.



Finest hour: Watson, the England goalkeeper, is chaired off by team-mates

Hirst crushes Blackburn's brave attempt at comeback

Sheffield Wednesday 2
Blackburn Rovers 1
(Sheffield Wed win 6-3 on agg)

By Ian Ross

BEFORE an exultant South Yorkshire audience, Sheffield Wednesday yesterday moved into the final of the Coca-Cola Cup, admittedly with a good deal less comfort than they had been anticipating.

Wednesday, who won the competition two years ago, will now play Arsenal at Wembley on April 18 to seek a victory which would guarantee them a place in the Uefa Cup next season.

This semi-final had, it was thought, been effectively decided in mid-February when Wednesday had ruthlessly exposed the defensive shortcomings of their opponents in winning the first leg at Ewood Park 4-2.

And so it proved. Despite scoring the opening goal in what was at times an over-physical game, Blackburn were unable to recover from the self-inflicted wounds of last month. Their sense of disappointment will be acute and they left the field aware that they had precisely 51 hours in which to repair damaged morale and replace thoughts of what might have been for consideration of what might still be.

They return to Sheffield tomorrow evening to dispute, with a far less accomplished Sheffield United team, a place in the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

Blackburn were a team in desperate need of either a stroke of good fortune or one isolated moment of improvisation as they pursued the early goal which would have served to rekindle their interest in a tie.

Bearing in mind that an early strike by their hosts would have almost certainly signalled a premature end to the argument, Blackburn's willingness to commit men forward, quite often with a callous disregard for their own safety, was highly commendable.

It was, of course, a policy borne out of basic need and one fraught with danger. Yet those highly-priced individuals who chose to pursue a career at a largely unfashionable club did, at times, threaten to confound logic and safely negotiate a passage between the desire to attack and the need to defend.

The complexion of the afternoon changed, albeit temporarily, in the 35th minute when Wednesday's almost arrogant belief in the impregnable nature of their defensive barrier was exposed as both misplaced and foolish.

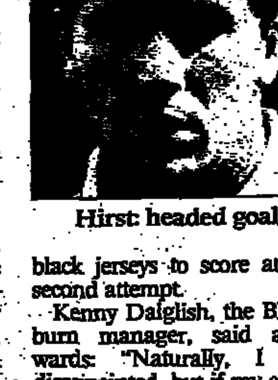
Having accepted Berg's pass on the edge of the penalty area, Ripley cleverly held the ball by placing a boot on it until Andersson arrived to sweep home a low shot from 20 yards. The prospect of improbable recovery was fleetingly alive, but although Nilsson struck the base of his own post with the most bizarre of miscued passes, Wednesday pulled themselves together.

Hirst, still not fully restored to health after his recent injury problems, bounded off the bench after 55 minutes and restored the *status quo* 13 minutes later when he rose majestically at the far post to head in Waddle's sublime cross.

Wednesday's emphatic and deserved aggregate victory was assured in the 74th minute when Bright sprinted into a Blackburn half of the field bereft of men in red and black jerseys to score at the second attempt.

Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, said afterwards: "Naturally, I am disappointed, but if my club's season was to end tomorrow morning, it would still have been an outstanding success. "We have come a very long way in a very short period of time and, bearing in mind we still have to face Sheffield United in an FA cup replay later this week, it is not over yet.

"For 70 minutes, we were definitely in with a chance of achieving what many felt to be impossible. Sadly, goals always change games, and that's what happened today as soon as Sheffield Wednesday equalised."



Hirst: headed goal

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods; R Nilsson, P King (sub: D Hirst), C Palmer, G Hyde, V Anderson, C Waddle, P Warhurst, M Bright, J Sheridan (sub: S Stewart).
BLACKBURN ROVERS: R Mimms; D May, H Berg, T Sherwood, C Hendry, M Atkins, S Ripley, P Andersson (sub: R Brown), S Livingstone (sub: R Wegerle), M Newell, J Wilcox.
Referee: K Redfern.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Coca-Cola Cup
Semi-final, second leg

SHEFFIELD W (0) 2 BLACKBURN (1) 1
Hirst 62 Bright 73 — Andersson 35
30,048
(Sheffield Wed win 6-3 on agg)

Premier League

COVENTRY (0) 0 ARSENAL (2) 2
15,437 — Campbell 28, Wright 39
EVERTON (3) 3 NOTTM FOR (0) 0
Cottee 15, 25, Jackson 38 — 21,271
LEEDS (1) 1 MANCHESTER C (0) 0
Rocastle 11 — 30,840
MIDDLESBRO (1) 1 LIVERPOOL (1) 2
Nicol 15 (og) — Hutchison 11, Rush 81
22,463
NORWICH (1) 1 OLDHAM (0) 0
Henry 13 (og) — 19,597
QPR (1) 1 WIMBLEDON (1) 2
Ferdinand 3 — Fashanu 7, Earle 79
12,270
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 4 IPSWICH (2) 3
Hall 18, Le Tissier 65 (pen), 89, Yerra 85 — Linighan 13, Goddard 35, Kiwomya 87
15,428

Yesterday

MANCHESTER U (0) 1 A VILLA (0) 1
Hughes 57 — Staunton 53
36,163

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1, Aylesbury 2; Bognor 0, Chesham 4; Carshalton 3, Kingstonian 0; Dulwich 5, Wivenhoe 0; Enfield 2, Hayes 3; Marlow 1, Grays 1; St Albans 1, Harrow 2; Staines 2, Yeading 0; Stevenage Borough 4, Hendon 1; Windsor and Eton 0, Bromley 1. First division: Abingdon Town 1, Barking 2; Aveley 2, Molesey 3; Bishops Stortford 2, Tooting and Mitcham 1; Boreham Wood 2, Lewes 0; Chalfont St Peter 2, Billericay Town 0; Dorking 1, Wembley 3; Heybridge Swifts 0, Purfleet 1; Hitchin 1, Maidenhead 1; Uxbridge 1, Leyton 1; Walton and Hersham 0, Croydon 1. Second division: Barton 3, Worthing 2; Chertsey 1, Witham 1; Egham 1, Hungerford 1; Hemel Hempstead 1, Hampton 0; Leatherhead 1, Metropolitan Police 1; Newbury 0, Ruislip Manor 0; Saffron Walden 0, Banstead Athletic 2; Southall 0, Berkhamsted 2; Tilbury 0, Edgware 4; Ware 2, Harefield 2. Third division: Bracknell 3, Aldershot Town 3; Camberley 0, Kingsbury 1; Clapton 0, Collier Row 2, Hertford 1, East Thurrock 2; Hornchurch 0, Petersfield 0; Leighton 4, Cove 2; Northwood 2, Feltham and Hounslow 2, Royston 1, Horsham 1; Tring 3, Thame 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 3, Goole 0; Barrow 2, Chorley 1; Bishop Auckland 1, Southport 3; Colwyn Bay 7, Buxton 3; Droylsden 2, Frickley 1; Fleetwood 2, Whitley Bay 2; Gainsborough 3, Winsford 1; Horwich 0, Morecambe 1; Leek 0, Marine 1; Matlock 0, Hyde 1. First division: Bridlington Town 5, Congleton 1; Curzon Ashton 3, Great Harwood 2; Farsley Celtic 1, Radcliffe Borough 3; Gretna 2, Eastwood Town 2; Harrogate 1, Workington 1; Knowsley 0, Alfreton 1; Lancaster City 3, Netherfield 3; Rossendale 0, Worksop 1; Shepshed Albion 3, Caernarfon 1. Yesterday: Workington 0, Bridlington Town 1.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey 1, Wiscomians 3; Enfield 1, Cardinal Manning 7; Aloysians 0, Danes 0; Ignatians 3, Glyn 1; Tenisonians 1, Tiffinians 1.

Barclays League
First division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 BRISTOL C (1) 1
15,611 — Morgan 45
BRISTOL R (0) 1 WOLVES (1) 1
Mehew 52 — Bull 8
5,982
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 PORTSMOUTH (1) 1
5,975 — Clayton 37 (og)
CHARLTON (0) 1 BRENTFORD (0) 0
Pitcher 52 — 7,134
GRIMSBY (1) 3 LUTON (0) 1
Ford 24, 73, Mendonca 87 — Gray 87
5,193
MILLWALL (0) 1 DERBY (0) 0
Allen 90 (pen) — 9,365
NOTTS CO (0) 1 WEST HAM (0) 0
Walker 70 — 10,272
OXFORD (0) 0 SOUTHEND (0) 1
4,576 — Collymore 73
SUNDERLAND (0) 3 PETERBORO (0) 0
Davenport 76, Goodman 79, Cunnington 86 — 18,372
SWINDON (0) 2 NEWCASTLE (1) 1
Bodin 51 (pen), Calderwood 55 — Kelly 43
17,574
TRANMERE (1) 2 LEICESTER (1) 3
Morrissey 45, Malkin 47 — Walsh 34, Thompson 67, Lowe 70
9,680
WATFORD (0) 1 BARNSLEY (1) 2
Furlong 52 — Biggins 40, 90
5,785

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	35	11	5	1	36	11	10	3	5	27	20	71
West Ham	35	11	4	2	35	14	9	5	5	26	18	66
Swindon	34	12	4	2	35	12	5	5	6	24	25	60
Portsmouth	35	13	2	2	33	8	4	7	7	25	31	60
Millwall	35	12	4	1	42	15	4	8	6	13	20	60
Leicester	34	9	4	4	28	21	7	3	7	23	25	55
Tranmere	33	10	4	3	37	17	6	2	8	19	28	54
Grimsby	34	9	5	3	30	22	6	1	10	21	23	51
Charlton	35	8	7	3	23	15	5	5	7	19	19	51
Derby	34	6	1	10	23	28	8	5	4	25	15	48
Wolves	35	8	6	4	30	20	4	6	7	18	23	48
Peterboro	33	5	7	5	23	23	8	1	7	23	25	47
Barnsley	34	8	3	5	21	14	5	4	9	25	27	46
Watford	35	5	5	7	24	27	5	4	8	25	33	42
Sunderland	33	7	5	6	24	19	4	4	7	12	23	42
Oxford Utd	34	5	6	6	23	16	4	6	7	19	27	39
Notts Co	34	7	5	5	23	12	2	6	9	19	37	38
Luton	34	4	9	4	20	24	4	5	8	18	29	38
Brentford	35	6	3	9	22	24	4	4	9	18	29	37
Bristol C	34	5	5	6	19	22	4	4	10	18	37	36
Cambridge	34	6	4	7	19	22	2	8	7	16	30	35
Southend	34	5	7	5	22	16	3	4	10	14	26	35
Birmingham	34	7	2	7	19	23	1	6	11	11	33	32
Bristol R	35	5	3	10	22	35	1	4	15	18	35	31

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 0, Trowbridge 1; Bashley 2, Dover 1; Burton 2, Cambridge City 0; Chelmsford 1, Halesowen 0; Crawley 2, Weymouth 2; Dorchester 0, Hastings 1; Hednesford 1, Cheltenham 0; Moor Green 3, Corby 3; VS Rugby 0, Gloucester 1; Waterlooville 0, Worcester 0. Midland division: Barri 2, Rushden and Diamonds 1; Bilston 1, Stourbridge 0; Forest Green Rovers 0, Dudley 2; Gresley Rovers 3, RC Warwick 2; King's Lynn 1, Evesham 2; Leicester United 0, Hinckley 1; Newport AFC 2, Bridgnorth 0; Redditch 2, Sutton Coldfield 1; Tamworth 0, Bedworth 1; Weston-super-Mare 2, Grantham 2; Yate 3, Nuneaton Borough 1. Southern division: Ashford 1, Witney 0; Baldock 0, Fisher Athletic 0; Braintree 5, Andover 0; Buckingham 2, Havant 4; Erith and Belvedere 1, Wealdstone 1; Fareham 1, Sudbury Town 0; Margate 2, Gravesend and Northfleet 0; Newport IOW 1, Burnham 0; Poole 0, Canterbury City 0; Salisbury 1, Dunstable 0; Sittingbourne 3, Bury Town 0.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 2, Porthmadog 2; Afan Lido 1, Bangor 0; Caersws 0, B Ferry 0; Flint 0, Haverfordwest 1; Inter Cardiff 2, Holywell 0; Maesteg Pk 1, Llansantffraid 1; Mold 1, Llanelli 0; Newtown 1, Cwmbran 2; Ebbw Vale 1, Conwy 0.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 0 READING (0) 1
4,160 — Quinn 72
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 STOKE (0) 1
Ekoku 89 — Stein 69 (pen)
7,129
BURNLEY (1) 2 HULL (0) 0
Heath 42, Slawson 79 — 3,974
EXETER (1) 3 HARTLEPOOL (1) 1
Jepson 21, Hodge 78, Moran 86 — Tait 44
2,639
FULHAM (0) 1 BRADFORD (1) 1
Hails 69 — Oliver 7
4,343
MANSFIELD (1) 1 HUDDERSFLD (0) 2
Noteman 18 — Onuora 51, Barnett 67
3,987
PORT VALE (0) 0 BOLTON (0) 0
11,055
ROTHERHAM (1) 2 PLYMOUTH (1) 2
Morrison 4 (og), Wilder 81 (pen) — Dalton 8, Nugent 79
4,276
STOCKPORT (0) 0 BRIGHTON (0) 0
5,298
SWANSEA (2) 4 CHESTER (1) 2
Bowen 4, 17, 89, Legg 80 — Rimmer 23, 47
4,056
WEST BROM (0) 2 L ORIENT (0) 0
Burgess 78, Donovan 81 — 15,023

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	33	13	3	0	35	10	7	7	3	25	17	75
Port Vale	33	11	6	0	34	10	6	3	7	22	24	60
West Brom	34	12	3	2	37	12	5	4	8	19	26	58
Stockport	34	10	7	1	38	12	5	4	7	23	25	56
L Orient	35	13	4	1	38	13	3	4	10	14	24	56
Bolton	32	10	2	3	39	11	5	6	6	23	22	53
Brighton	34	7	3	4	25	16	8	5	7	27	24	53
Reading	34	9	3	5	33	16	4	8	5	17	19	50
Rotherham	34	8	5	5	26	21	5	6	5	19	19	50
Burnley	34	9	6	2	28	13	4	5	8	14	27	50
Swansea	33	8	7	2	23	12	6	6	5	22	22	49
Bradford	35	8	4	5	25	18	4	8	6	27	35	48
Plymouth	33	10	5	1	29	12	2	5	10	20	30	46
Fulham	35	5	8	4	19	23	5	7	6	22	28	45
Bournemouth	33	6	6	4	21	17	5	5	7	11	18	44
Hartlepool	35	6	5	7	14	17	4	6	7	17	24	41
Hull	34	6	5	5	20	19	4	5	8	15	27	40
Exeter	34	5	5	7	23	24	4	7	6	19	31	39
Preston	34	6	5	7	30	32	4	2	10	19	37	37
Wigan	34	5	6	7	23	24	3	4	9	10	24	34
Blackpool	34	5	8	4	26	23	2	4	11	17	34	33
Mansfield	34	6	5	5	29	26	2	3	12	10	35	33
Huddersfld	32	4	5	7	15	17	3	3	10	15	31	29
Chester	35	6	2	10	25	34	1	2	14	15	43	25

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Rhyl 2, Connah's Quay 0.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bray Wanderers 1, Shamrock Rovers 2; Cork City 1, Shelbourne 2; Drogheda 1, Sligo Rovers 0; Limerick 0, Dundalk 1; St Patrick's Athletic 4, Waterford 0.

BASS IRISH CUP: Quarter-finals: Ards 0, Distillery 0; Cliftonville 1, Larne 1; Dundela 1, Glentoran 2; Linfield 1, Bangor 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightlingsea 2, Wisbech 2; Chatteris 6, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Cornard 3, Norwich United 0; Gorleston 1, Brantham Athletic 0; Halstead 4, Stowmarket 0; Haverhill 0, Fakenham 1; Histon 2, Great Yarmouth 2; March Town 1, Diss 1; Tiptree 3, Lowestoft 3; Watton 1, Newmarket 2; Wroxham 5, Felixstowe 0.

Third division

BARNET (1) 1 YORK (2) 5
Bull 40 — Barnes 8, 84, 89, Blackstone 42, Barratt 69 (og)
4,985
BURY (0) 1 DARLINGTON (0) 1
Kearney 72 — Gaughan 63
2,673
CHESTERFLD (1) 1 HEREFORD (0) 0
Morris 31 — 2,834
DONCASTER (0) 0 SCUNTHORPE (0) 1
2,760 — Elliott 68
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 CARLISLE (0) 0
Smith 75 — 3,507
SCARBORO (0) 4 WALSALL (1) 1
Foreman 51, 54, Mooney 73, Lightbourne 77 — MacDonald 45
1,681
TORQUAY (0) 2 HALIFAX (0) 0
Kelly 51 (pen), Trollope 77 — 2,345
WREXHAM (0) 2 LINCOLN (0) 0
Connolly 47, Owen 59 — 5,246

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	32	10	5	1	32	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	25	22	53
Barnet	31	14	2	1	40	17	[illegible]	4	5	15	18	53
York	33	12	6	1	34	11	6	5	5	24	24	53
Wrexham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	32	15	6	5	4	20	13	53
Shrewsbury	33	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	29	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	16	14	53
Lincoln	[illegible]	8	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	25	51
Walsall	[illegible]	5	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	23	[illegible]	49
Crewe	33	9	1	4	35	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	25	23	49
Scarborough	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	[illegible]	34	48
Bury	[illegible]	9	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]	9	[illegible]	25	48
Chesterfld	[illegible]	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	5	[illegible]	25	47
Rochdale	[illegible]	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	[illegible]	29	42
Colchester	[illegible]	9	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	40
Carlisle	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	7	[illegible]	24	37
Scunthorpe	29	5	5	4	22	15	5	2	9	14	22	37
Darlington	[illegible]	3	5	9	16	25	5	6	5	15	16	35
Doncaster	34	5	4	5	18	21	3	7	7	16	25	35
Torquay	[illegible]	5	[illegible]	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	33
Gillingham	33	6	3	7	24	22	0	8	9	13	27	29
Halifax	[illegible]	3	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	[illegible]
Hereford	[illegible]	4	8	[illegible]	22	21	2	[illegible]	11	12	23	[illegible]
Northampton	[illegible]	3	4	9	15	25	4	2	9	22	[illegible]	[illegible]

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 1, Maltby MW 3; Denaby 1, Stocksbridge PS 0; Liversedge 1, Brigg 3; Ossett Albion 0, Thackley 2; Ossett Town 1, Spennymoor 3; Pickering 3, Glasshoughton Welfare 1; Pontefract Collieries 5, Harrogate RA 1; Sheffield 2, North Ferriby United 1; Winterton Rangers 3, Armthorpe Welfare 2.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Crouch End Vampires 0, South Bank Poly 0; Carshalton 1, Old Actonians 1; Old Esthameians 0, Civil Service 4; Old Bromleians 1, Old Parkonians 0; Lensbury 2, Alexandra Park 2; Old Salesians 2, Barclays Bank 2; New Association 1, Winchmore Hill 2; Ibis 0, Broomfield 4; Old Stationers 3, Southgate Olympic 2; Lloyds Bank 2, Polytechnic 0; Reigate Priory 0, Alleyn Old Boys 2; Old Parmiterians 1, Brentham 1; East Barnet OG 7, Bank of England 0; Old Westminster Citizens 2, Merton 2; Old Latymerians 1, Cuaco 0; Old Lyonians 1, Royal Bank of Scotland 3.

AFA SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: NatWest Bank 4, Old Meadonians 0; Old Hamptonians 3, Norsemen 2.

Vauxhall FA Trophy
Fourth round

BOSTON (0) 0 RUNCORN (0) 2
2,629 — Parker 51, Anderson 65 (pen)
SUTTON UTD (0) 2 WARRINGTON (1) 1
Gates 47, Byrne 57 (pen) — Dunn 44
1,547
WITTON (2) 3 FARNBORO (1) 2
Thomas 24, 25, Burke 68 — Leworthy 17, Baker 85 (pen)
1,262
WYCOMBE (0) 1 GATESHEAD (0) 0
Guppy 90 — 4,795

GM Vauxhall Conference

BROMSGROVE (0) 1 BATH (1) 1
Whitehouse 90 — Boyle 26
1,030
DAGENHAM (1) 3 KIDDERMNSTR (2) 2
Cavell 27, Blackford 73, 90 — Cartwright 22, Palmer 37
1,004
MACCLESFLD (0) 1 ALTRINCHAM (0) 1
Askey 63 — Smith 83
875
MERTHYR (2) 3 NORTHWICH (0) 0
Williams 32, Tucker 44, D'Auria 65 — 609
STAFFORD (0) 0 WOKING (0) 0
1,062
YEOVIL (0) 1 STALYBRIDGE (0) 1
Wilson 55 — Anderson 66
1,844

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	29	11	2	1	38	8	7	5	3	30	14	61
Slough	32	10	2	6	33	23	6	5	4	18	19	55
Dagenham	32	7	5	4	37	23	7	4	5	20	14	51
Bromsgrove	32	7	5	5	29	20	5	6	4	17	17	47
Telford	30	7	5	4	23	19	5	5	4	18	15	46
Woking	33	5	2	8	17	21	8	4	6	27	27	45
Northwich	31	3	5	7	17	21	9	2	5	34	18	43
Yeovil	30	8	4	2	25	13	3	5	9	12	22	42
Kettering	33	9	4	5	32	25	2	5	8	19	30	42
Merthyr	29	3	5	6	18	28	9	1	5	21	22	42
Gateshead	30	7	5	4	18	14	4	3	7	21	27	41
Stalybridge	31	3	8	3	17	22	6	6	5	21	23	41
Bath	29	6	5	3	20	16	4	5	6	18	16	40
Stafford	28	4	4	6	14	17	7	3	4	19	15	40
Altrincham	31	5	6	5	15	18	5	4	6	16	20	40
Farnboro	32	8	3	7	31	30	3	4	7	25	34	40
Kiddermnstr	33	5	5	6	17	24	3	9	5	24	25	38
Runcorn	31	8	2	6	24	22	2	5	8	16	34	37
Welling	34	6	6	6	24	28	3	5	9	22	33	35
Witton	28	4	6	5	24	23	3	5	5	16	17	32
Macclesfld	29	4	5	4	16	14	4	2	10	14	26	31
Boston	31	4	4	6	17	22	3	5	9	21	32	30

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 2, Ferryhill Athletic 1; Blyth Spartans 2, Tow Law 0; Consett 1, Hebburn 1; Easington Colliery 6, Newcastle Blue Star 1; Guisborough 1, Northallerton 0; Murton 3, Chester Le Street 2; Seaham Red Star 1, Durham City 1; South Bank 0, Peterlee Newtown 3; Whitby 4, Brandon 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 0, Frome 1; Clevedon 1, Torquay United 0; Liskeard Athletic 1, Tiverton 4; Mangotsfield 0, Taunton 0; Minehead 1, Bideford 0; Paulton 1, Elmore 1; Plymouth Argyle 5, Chard 0; Saltash 2, Westbury 0; Torrington 5, Chippenham 0.

Scottish League
Premier division

ABERDEEN (0) 2 FALKIRK (0) 2
Roddie 62, Oliver 75 (og) — Drinkell 53, Johnston 84
9,000
DUNDEE (0) 1 AIRDRIE (0) 1
Dodds 77 — Smith 59
3,079
HEARTS (1) 1 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
Baird 20 — 7,087
PARTICK (0) 1 ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1
Farningham 59 — Davies 41
6,000
RANGERS (2) 3 HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Hagen 40, Hateley 41, McCoist 84 — 41,076
POSTPONED: Motherwell v Celtic.

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	33	15	2	0	42	10	10	5	1	38	15	57
Aberdeen	33	10	6	2	35	10	10	2	3	34	15	48
Celtic	33	7	5	4	25	15	9	6	2	25	15	43
Hearts	34	11	4	2	21	9	3	7	7	15	21	39
Dundee Utd	35	6	7	4	18	16	8	2	8	21	19	37
Hibernian	34	6	6	5	25	23	3	5	9	16	27	29
St Johnstone	34	6	7	3	22	20	2	6	10	17	33	29
Dundee	35	6	4	8	21	26	3	6	8	20	27	28
Partick	34	4	5	8	21	35	4	6	7	17	22	27
Motherwell	34	4	4	9	18	30	3	8	6	17	21	26
Falkirk	34	6	4	7	30	32	3	1	13	17	42	23
Airdrie	35	3	7	7	16	21	1	7	10	11	35	22

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR 1, Salford City 0; Bradford Park Avenue 2, Blackpool Mechanics 1; Chadderton 3, Blackpool Rovers 1; Darwen 0, Maine Road (Man) 2; Eastwood Hanley 1, Bamber Bridge 3; Kidsgrove Athletic 3, Clitheroe 1; Newcastle Town 3, Skelmersdale 1; Penrith 0, Bacup Borough 5; St Helens 0, Flixton 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United 0, QPR 2; Charlton 2, Gillingham 4; Fulham 2, Millwall 3; Ipswich 1, Leyton Orient 0; Norwich 2, Watford 0; Portsmouth 2, Chelsea 0; Tottenham 2, Arsenal 0; West Ham 1, Southend 3. Second division: Bournemouth 6, Wimbledon 1; Brentford 2, Brighton 1; Bristol City 0, Luton 1; Colchester 0, Bristol Rovers 3; Southampton 1, Reading 1; Tottenham 0, Crystal Palace 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Lancing 0, Old Reptonians 4; Old Malvernians 0, Old Cholmeleians 1; Old Wellingburians 1, Old Carthusians 0. First division: Old Ardinians 2, Old Westminsters 4; Old Brentwoods 2, Old Salopians 3; Old Wykehamists 1, Old Widelians 3.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Grammarians 1, Owens 2; Parkfield 3, Mill Hill Village 0; Southgate County 2, Finchleians 5; Witan 1, Nottsborough 3.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ancona 1, Parma 1; Brescia 2, Juventus 0; Cagliari 0, Sampdoria 2; Fiorentina 2, Pescara 0; Genoa 0, Foggia 0; Inter Milan 1, AS Roma 1; Lazio 2, AC Milan 2; Napoli 3, Udinese 0; Torino 1, Atalanta 1. Leading positions (after 23 matches): 1, AC Milan, 40 points; 2, Inter Milan, 29; 3, Torino, 27.

First division

AYR (0) 0 CLYDEBANK (0) 0
1,713
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 STIRLING (1) 1
Herd 89 — Watters 25
310
DUMBARTON (0) 2 ST MIRREN (1) 1
Boyd 70, McQuade 78 — Baillie 22
HAMILTON (0) 0 DUNFERMLINE (0) 2
2,351 — French 76, 89
MORTON (0) 2 MEADOWBANK (0) 0
McArthur 78, Mathie 89 — 1,016
RAITH (1) 2 KILMARNOCK (0) 0
Brewster 28, Dalziel 57 — 4,738

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raith	35	13	5	0	43	11	8	7	2	28	18	54
Dunfermline	35	10	4	3	29	18	11	1	6	29	17	47
Kilmarnock	35	10	4	3	32	13	7	4	7	17	21	42
Hamilton	35	8	6	4	28	19	7	4	6	24	17	40
St Mirren	35	8	5	4	25	14	8	3	7	20	26	40
Morton	35	9	2	7	31	22	6	6	5	23	22	38
Ayr	35	6	8	4	22	16	3	7	7	17	21	33
Clydebank	34	8	6	3	32	14	3	5	8	22	34	33
Dumbarton	35	8	1	8	28	28	5	3	9	24	34	32
Stirling	35	5	3	9	14	23	2	8	8	17	24	25
Meadowbank	34	4	5	7	18	25	4	3	11	21	39	24
Cowdenbeath	35	0	5	13	18	46	1	1	15	9	46	8

Second division

ALBION (0) 0 BERWICK (1) 2
200 — Cunningham 33, Irvine 74
ALLOA (2) 3 MONTROSE (1) 1
McAvoy 22, Moffat 38, Smith 81 — Grant 19
453
BRECHIN (0) 0 STRANRAER (1) 1
543 — Brown 8 (og)
E STIRLING (0) 0 FORFAR (1) 2
305 — McCafferty 11, McKenna 77
QUEEN'S PK (0) 2 E FIFE (1) 2
MacKay 54, 54 — Burns 13, Skidden 90
456
STENHSMUIR (0) 2 QUEEN OF S (0) 1
Mathieson 49, Steel 67 — Thomson 52
400

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin	30	10	3	2	29	12	8	4	3	28	11	43
Clyde	30	7	5	3	25	12	10	3	2	35	17	42
Stranraer	30	8	7	2	23	15	8	4	3	21	16	33
Alloa	30	8	3	4	24	20	7	5	3	25	19	38
Forfar	30	9	3	3	39	23	6	4	5	30	17	37
E Fife	30	7	4	4	27	21	7	4	4	33	21	32
Arbroath	30	5	4	6	22	21	7	2	6	17	19	30
Stenhsmuir	30	6	2	7	28	20	7	4	4	23	19	28
Berwick	30	5	3	6	25	23	6	2	8	19	20	27
Queen of S	30	4	3	8	18	21	4	4	7	23	32	23
Montrose	30	3	3	9	18	39	5	2	8	21	32	22
Queen's Pk	30	5	3	7	24	28	2	3	10	17	31	20
E Stirling	29	3	3	9	18	32	4	3	7	25	37	20
Albion	30	3	5	7	16	27	1	4	10	10	28	17

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 2, Logrones 2; Sporting de Gijon 2, Atletico de Madrid 1; Rayo Vallecano 2, Oviedo 2; Celta 1, Cadiz 0; Sevilla 1, Espanol 1; Osasuna 1, Zaragoza 0; Real Sociedad 1, Athletic de Bilbao 0; Burgos 0, Albacete 0; Barcelona 3, Deportivo de La Coruna 0. Leading positions (after 26 matches): 1, Barcelona, 40 points; 2, Real Madrid, 39; 3, Deportivo La Coruna, 37.

GERMAN LEAGUE: SC Karlsruhe 1, VfB Stuttgart 1; Bayer Uerdingen 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach 3; Eintracht Frankfurt 4, Wattenscheid 1; Dynamo Dresden 0, Bayern Munich 0; Bayer Leverkusen 2, Nuremberg 1; VfL Bochum 2, Werder Bremen 0; Kaiserslautern 0, Borussia Dortmund 0; SV Hamburg 3, Cologne 0; Schalke 2, Saarbrucken 2. Leading positions (after 21 matches): 1, Bayern Munich, 32 points; 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, 30; 3, Werder Bremen, 28.

Statistics

IAN WRIGHT extended his lead in the Premier League goalscoring table with two goals in two games this week but he is still ten goals behind the overall leader, Guy Whittingham, who has a tally of 36. Many clubs are picking up bookings at a rate of knots. Norwich City have the lowest total, 18, and Torquay United, on 68, the highest.

GOALSCORERS

Premier League	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Wright (Arsenal)	13	8	5	0	26
Shearer (Blackburn)	16	0	6	0	22
Sheringham (Tottnhm)	15	4	3	0	22
Quinn (Coventry)	16	0	0	3	19
Hignett (Middlesbro)	11	4	3	0	18
White (Man City)	14	3	0	0	17
Saunders (A Villa)	13	2	2	0	17
Chapman (Leeds)	12	1	2	2	17
Cantona (Man Utd)	12	0	0	5	17
Kiwomya (Ipswich)	10	1	6	0	17
Deane (Sheff Utd)	11	3	2	0	16
Bright (Sheff Wed)	8	2	6	0	16
Warhurst (Sheff Wed)	5	4	4	3	16
First division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Whittingham (Portmth)	31	0	2	3	36
Aldridge (Tranmere)	19	1	2	2	24
Blissett (Brentford)	15	0	4	4	23
Furlong (Watford)	18	0	3	0	21
Kelly (Newcastle)	17	1	2	1	21
Kitson (Derby)	14	1	2	4	21
Maskell (Swindon)	17	0	1	1	19
Morley (West Ham)	17	1	0	1	19
Peacock (Newcastle)	12	2	2	2	18
Gray (Luton)	17	1	0	0	18
Bull (Wolverhampton)	14	1	1	1	17
Cole (Newcastle)	12	0	4	1	17
Second division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Francis (Stockport)	21	2	2	4	29
Stein (Stoke)	20	0	4	3	27
Walker (Bolton)	20	4	1	2	27
Taylor (West Brom)	18	3	1	3	25
McCarthy (Bradford)	14	2	1	5	22
Quinn (Reading)	13	3	1	2	19
Saville (Hartlepool)	11	5	1	1	18
Rimmer (Chester)	17	0	0	0	17
Third division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Foreman (Scarboro)	24	0	2	2	28
Griffiths (Shrewsbury)	20	2	1	1	24
Clarke (Walsall)	18	0	1	1	20
Bennett (Wrexham)	14	1	2	2	19
Bull (Barnet)	16	0	2	0	18
Barnes (York)	17	0	0	0	17
Stant (Cardiff)	14	0	1	1	16

Other goals include Autoglass Trophy, Anglo-Italian Cup, European cups and Charity Shield.

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Norwich	—	18
Aston Villa	—	19
Coventry	—	23
Newcastle	1	24
Peterborough	2	24
Scarborough	—	26
FOUL PLAY	**Sent off**	**Booked**
Torquay	3	65
Chester	4	62
Cambridge Utd	6	59
Reading	4	59
Wimbledon	2	60
Sheff Utd	3	59
Colchester	2	59
Hereford	6	52
Exeter	3	64

Offences do not include Anglo-Italian Cup matches.

ATTENDANCES

Highest/lowest of weekend. Premier League: 36,163 (Man Utd v Aston Villa); 12,270 (QPR v Wimbledon). First division: 18,372 (Sunderland v Peterborough); 4,576 (Oxford v Southend). Second division: 15,023 (West Brom v Leyton Or); 2,639 (Exeter v Hartlepool). Third division: 5,246 (Wrexham v Lincoln); 1,681 (Scarborough v Walsall).

☐ Compiled by Allan Desborough

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	2	2½	2	1½	1½	1½	3

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	2	3	3	1½	2	3	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Dividends will be very good with seven score-draws and five no-score draws. Telephone claims required for 23 and 23½ points.

Gazza in Rome — good, bad and still daft as a brush

Andrew Longmore finds the Romans are delighted but puzzled by their Geordie import

Underarm tactic: Gascoigne celebrates with Signori after scoring the goal which began Lazio's recovery against the Italian league leaders, Milan, yesterday. Photograph: Rui Vieira

The *taxi driver* took both hands off the wheel to make his point. "Gascoigne", he said, holding his left hand high, his right low. "*Bueno e basso*". Then he put a finger to his head in a gesture understood all the way from the Tyne to the Tiber. Gascoigne. Good, bad and *mattocchio*, daft as a brush. The Romans are still not sure which is the real Paul Gascoigne.

On the field, banality has matched brilliance, hope has been met with disappointment. Off it, Gascoigne's antics have perplexed the elders at Lazio, delighted the Vespa brigade and fascinated everyone. Opinion is equally divided over the Englishman, and after yesterday's 2-2 draw with the great AC Milan in the Olympic stadium, it remains so.

"They know he is a good player. They are not sure about his mind," said Roberto di Bellantini of *La Stampa*. "But people forget that the first six months for a foreign player is very difficult. Even greats like Platini and Maradona had trouble adapting."

Yesterday, Gascoigne scored his third goal of the season, a six-yard tap-in to bring Lazio back into the game at 2-1, and, having just come back from suspension, behaved impeccably. But those who came to judge the Geordie left admiring the toughness of the depleted Italian league leaders, who were without all three of their Dutchmen through injury, and the excellence of Papin, who opened the scoring with a 25-yard drive of stunning spontaneity. Only a goal five minutes from time spared Lazio's embarrassment after their arch rivals, Roma, had ended Milan's 11-month unbeaten record in midweek.

For moments, Gascoigne ran the show and much of Lazio's most imaginative work flowed through him. But, despite being fourth in the league, Lazio are no more than a team of journeymen, Doll and Gascoigne excepted. At least he looked fit and eager, which should please Graham Taylor.

Only last month, the England manager had bemoaned the lack of spark in his most explosive performer. But if Taylor was looking for signs of zest, he would have found them in the bright sunshine of the Lazio training ground on Saturday morning. Football's answer to Just William, resplendent in a pair of shorts with the legs cut jaggedly like one of Peter Pan's lost boys, was right back on form. It was comic relief day after all. "Everyday is comic relief day with him," one friend remarked as a plastic water bottle landed at his feet.

Typically, Gazza's villa, half an hour's drive away from the centre of Rome, has been crammed with friends from White Hart Lane days invited over to enjoy the weekend. The hospitality, though, had its price.

One Tottenham man woke on Saturday morning to find that his hair and eyebrows had mysteriously been shaved off during the night. Even the mournful Dino Zoff, manager of Lazio, broke into a laugh when the Kojak lookalike appeared by the side of the training ground the following morning.

Gascoigne's pranks have not always been so well received. The infamous belch with which he greeted a question by a television journalist offended a people highly conscious of good manners and image. Equally important, Gascoigne's frequent trips back to England have upset a club which demands total commitment and loyalty in return for its fabulous salary and five-year contract. Last weekend, when he was suspended after being sent off against Genoa, Gascoigne chose to return to London rather than stay to watch his team mates and the fact that Lazio gave him permission to go does not lessen the disapproval.

Yet, as with most things in Italy, success eases the way to forgiveness and Gascoigne has enjoyed just enough of it so far to keep his name off a long list of Anglo-Italian failures headed by Ian Rush and Luther Blissett. "The fans still love him. They see he is one of them and he actually talks to them," Jane Nottage, Gascoigne's personal assistant, said. "In many ways, his character fits into the mentality of the people very well. He has a genial side and a dark, self-destructive side, which is very Roman. They also love the English eccentric, as long as he is well-mannered. But the club wants to see Paul get stuck into the Italian way of life."

Contrary to general opinion, Gascoigne is trying his best to come to terms with an alien culture. With his brother-in-law John, his regular minder over the past three months, he is taking lessons in Italian and learning to cook the local food. "He is making an effort," Nottage adds. "But the rest of the team might speak Geordie before Paul speaks fluent Italian." The Lazio team already swear in broad Geordie. The next two months should determine whether Gascoigne's influence can be greater than that, whether *bueno* or *basso* will prevail.

AC Milan	23	18	5	0	53	19 40
Inter Milan	23	10	9	4	38	29 29
Torino	23	8	11	4	27	19 27
Lazio	23	9	8	6	45	35 26
Atalanta	23	10	6	7	28	29 26

Galaxy of fading stars shine on to illuminate Wrexham

Wrexham 2
Lincoln City 0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

OLD footballers never die, they simply fade away; quite often at Wrexham. The Racecourse Ground offers a haven for the leg weary, a final resting place at which to impart years of accumulated wisdom. By no means a knackers yard, more a seat of learning.

Brian Flynn, Kevin Reeves, Joey Jones, Mickey Thomas, Jimmy Case. Names from a bygone era, all playing a part in the revival of the oldest club in the principality.

Flynn, formerly of Leeds United, is the player-manager. Now 37, he is just a bootlace away from giving up his dual role because of persistent injury. Reeves, 35, the fifth seven-figure footballer when he moved from Norwich City to Manchester City for £1.25 million in 1980, is assistant manager while Jones, 38, the tattooed and clench-fisted warrior of Stamford Bridge, is player-coach. He only makes up the numbers in the reserves now but still shows his determination on first-team match-days, jumping from the dug-out to curse and cajole.

Flynn, Reeves and Jones. A triumvirate overflowing with experience and one which, since the 2-1 FA Cup win over Arsenal in January last year, has nudged and nursed Wrexham's youngsters into the third division promotion frame. A solid win over Lincoln on Saturday maintained their progress in fourth place.

"The victory over Arsenal proved a turning point," Reeves said. "All of a sudden we had a bit of money at the club. We could shop around for players, a luxury we've rarely had here."

A £43 million ground redevelopment scheme is also on the table and will transform the Racecourse into a 15,000 all-seat stadium and leisure complex. Heady stuff for a club that, when playing in the European Cup Winners Cup in 1986, pleaded with its players not to swop shirts at the end of the game.

Thomas, the 11-club wanderer, has not played since November. Other affairs, including a protracted court case, have played on his mind. Case, also 38, has just joined from Halifax Town.

"Mickey's still good to have around," Reeves said. "He's great with the kids. That's why we've got Jimmy, too." Wrexham's bunch of stayers and sprinters are entering the final furlong just behind the leaders. A fair bet for a second division stall next season.

WREXHAM: M Morris; B Jones, P Hardy, G Owen, A Humes, M Pejic, G Barnett, M Lake, K Connolly, S Watkin (sub: J Paskin), M Taylor.
LINCOLN CITY: M Pollitt; P Smith, D Clarke, M Yates (sub: D West), M Carmichael, G Brown, J Schofield, I Baraclough (sub: S Dunphy), J Lee, N Matthews, D Putnam.
Referee: G Ashby.

Survival may be tall story at St Andrew's

Birmingham City 0
Bristol City 1

BY KEITH PIKE

THE man whose paper unleashed such exclusives as "Killer Plant Stalks Queen Mum" and "World War Two Plane Found On Moon" has another story he would love to run but even David Sullivan, publisher of the *Daily Sport* and, since a fortnight ago, owner of the struggling Midlands football club, might believe that "Birmingham City Escape Relegation From First Division" would stretch credulity beyond reasonable bounds.

This defeat left City one place off the bottom of the table and in desperate trouble. Terry Cooper, their manager, had spent £500,000 in the previous 48 hours on four players who made their debuts at St Andrew's. Asked how many more he thought he needed, he said: "Another eight or nine on that performance."

Birmingham did make a promising start, with their newcomers Parris, Hiley, Smith and Moulden prominent, but they were soon made to look what they were: a hastily-assembled XI, not a team. Bristol City's know-how proved more substantial than Birmingham's initial bravado and was rewarded when Nicky Morgan headed the only goal three minutes into first-half injury time.

For all their huff and puff, Birmingham could manage only three worthwhile goal attempts, with only one — by Peschisolido — on target. Long before the end, Birmingham's biggest gate of the season was venting its frustration.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: R Catlin; S Hiley, J Frain, G Parris, P Mardon, T Matthewson (sub: P Fenwick), P Moulden, J Gayle, P Peschisolido, P Tait (sub: I Rodgerson), D Smith.
BRISTOL CITY: K Welch; S Munro, M Scott, R Osman, M Bryant, G Pennyfather, G Shelton, J Bent, L Rosenior, N Morgan, M Gavin.
Referee: W Flood.

Swindon surprise Newcastle by revealing mean streak

Swindon Town 2
Newcastle United 1

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THERE may be more startling discoveries than finding that a team managed by Glenn Hoddle can kick like mules — Prince Charles rolling his own fags, perhaps, or Alec Stewart accepting a leg-before decision graciously — but they can probably be counted on the fingers of two normal hands.

Newcastle were certainly surprised by the ferocity of Swindon's tackling and they were not alone. "Both Glenn and myself appreciate the finer points of football," Kevin Keegan said afterwards, "and I'm sure he was as surprised as I by the things we saw out there. This is a man's game, but some tackles were very late and professionals must always be careful about that."

Those were not the words of a poor loser. Keegan fully accepted Swindon's right to the points and took pleasure from Newcastle's contribution to a game which, though it never lived up to its promise, provided the County Ground's best crowd of the season with a (literally) full-blooded encounter.

Swindon won with second-half goals from Bodin and Calderwood after Kelly had given Newcastle an interval lead. They were also ahead in the game within the game, collecting three bookings to two.

This was their fifth successive home win and put them third, ahead of Portsmouth and Millwall, the other clubs on 60 points. With a game in hand over West Ham United, it means that their final home match of the season, against the Londoners on May 1, may well determine which of them accompanies Newcastle into the Premier League by right rather than the play-offs.

Bodin was outstanding at left back, scoring his seventh goal of the season from the penalty spot five minutes after half-time and forcing the corner, which he took, to set up Calderwood's winner four minutes later. In that period, Ling emerged as the most important player on the field, disturbing Newcastle with his powerful running from deep.

The real bane, though, was White. First, he provoked the injudicious tackle from O'Brien which gave Bodin his penalty. Then, quite absurdly, referee Poll missed the most obvious of handling offences when White performed an impression of the The Statue of Liberty in the move which led to the winner.

Hard as Newcastle pressed to peg a goal back, Swindon's three central defenders resisted ably. Kelly, who had volleyed that first-half goal, cleared the bar with another shot and Sellars, the only one of Newcastle's three midweek signings to start the game, was denied by Digby's fingertips.

Cole, the most recent acquisition, was given half an hour alongside Kelly. He might profitably have started the match because Newcastle's play was suggestive when it should have been assertive.

Their five-point lead at the top remains intact, but once promotion is achieved, Keegan will have to raid the piggy bank again for this team, as it is constituted, will uproot few trees in the Premier League.

SWINDON TOWN: F Digby; N Summerbee, P Bodin, A Viveash, C Calderwood, S Taylor, P Hunt (sub: B Marwood), R MacLaren, D Mitchell, M Ling, S White.
NEWCASTLE UNITED: P Smicek; B Venison, J Beresford, L O'Brien (sub: A Cole), K Scott, S Howey, R Lee, P Bracewell, D Kelly, L Clark, S Sellars.
Referee: G Poll (Berkhamsted)

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Weekly change			P	Pts	Goal diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Recent form
1	(+1)	Manchester Utd	33	61	+24	17	(11-6)	10	(4-6)	6	(2-4)	50	(31-19)	26	(12-14)	dwwwld
2	(-1)	Aston Villa	33	61	+17	17	(11-6)	10	(4-6)	6	(2-4)	49	(31-18)	32	(14-18)	lwwwdd
3	(0)	Norwich	33	59	0	17	(10-7)	8	(6-2)	8	(1-7)	46	(24-22)	46	(14-32)	wddlww
4	(+1)	Sheffield Wed	31	49	+7	13	(7-6)	10	(5-5)	8	(3-5)	41	(23-18)	34	(18-16)	wwwdlw
5	(-1)	QPR	33	47	+5	13	(8-5)	8	(5-3)	12	(4-8)	45	(32-13)	40	(24-16)	wlwll
6	(+1)	Blackburn	31	46	+11	12	(9-3)	10	(3-7)	9	(4-5)	43	(27-16)	32	(15-17)	llwdld
7	(+3)	Manchester City	32	46	+9	13	(6-7)	7	(4-3)	12	(5-7)	44	(22-22)	35	(16-19)	dllwwl
8	(-2)	Coventry	34	46	+1	12	(6-6)	10	(3-7)	12	(6-4)	45	(23-22)	44	(21-23)	ldwlll
9	(+2)	Southampton	34	46	+1	12	(9-3)	10	(5-5)	12	(3-9)	44	(28-16)	43	(18-25)	wlwwdw
10	(-1)	Tottenham	32	45	-8	12	(8-4)	9	(4-5)	11	(4-7)	39	(26-13)	47	(19-28)	wwwwld
11	(-1)	Ipswich	33	44	+1	10	(6-4)	14	(7-7)	9	(3-6)	40	(22-18)	39	(17-22)	dwlll
12	(0)	Arsenal	31	43	+2	12	(8-6)	7	(4-3)	12	(5-7)	29	(16-13)	27	(12-15)	lwdldw
13	(0)	Chelsea	32	43	-4	11	(6-5)	10	(6-4)	11	(5-6)	35	(18-17)	39	(18-21)	ldllww
14	(+2)	Liverpool	32	42	0	11	(8-3)	9	(4-5)	12	(4-8)	43	(27-16)	43	(16-27)	lddlww
15	(+2)	Wimbledon	33	42	0	11	(6-5)	9	(4-5)	13	(7-6)	40	(23-17)	40	(21-19)	wwlww
16	(-2)	Leeds	32	42	-3	11	(11-0)	9	(5-4)	12	(1-11)	42	(33-9)	45	(13-32)	dwldww
17	(-2)	Everton	34	42	-4	12	(6-6)	6	(5-1)	16	(6-10)	40	(20-20)	44	(20-24)	ldwwlw
18	(0)	Crystal Palace	31	35	-10	8	(4-4)	11	(6-5)	12	(5-7)	37	(17-20)	47	(18-29)	lwwldd
19	(0)	Sheffield Utd	32	34	-5	9	(6-1)	7	(5-2)	16	(8-13)	37	(25-12)	42	(11-31)	wlwlwl
20	(0)	Middlesbrough	33	33	-17	8	(6-2)	9	(4-5)	16	(6-10)	39	(23-16)	56	(19-37)	llwll
21	(0)	Nottm Forest	31	32	-12	8	(5-3)	8	(3-5)	15	(7-8)	30	(13-17)	42	(14-28)	dwwldl
22	(0)	Oldham	32	31	-15	8	(7-1)	7	(3-4)	17	(5-12)	41	(28-15)	56	(19-37)	llldwl

TRANSFERS: Scott Sellars (Newcastle) from Leeds, £700,000; David Kerslake (Leeds) from Swindon, £500,000; Leigh Jenkinson (Coventry) from Hull, £300,000; Paul Moulden (B'ham) from Oldham, £150,000; Glenn Pennyfather (Bristol C) from Ipswich, £50,000; David Rennie (Coventry) from B'ham, exchange; David Smith (B'ham) from Coventry, exchange.

Touch of sun too hot for Souness

Middlesbrough 1
Liverpool 2

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

GRAEME Souness knows that complaining about referees or criticising rival teams provokes censure, not to mention fines, from the football authorities. Yet the Liverpool manager likes to blame something for his side's shortcomings and on Saturday he found the ideal object — the sun.

"It was the first day of the season since winter began and I felt our passing and movement were affected by the sun. Some of my players were definitely affected by the warmth," a straight-faced Souness said.

Playing beneath a watery March sun — pleasantly balmy, hardly a heatwave — Liverpool had won, but luckily. Souness is aware that the Anfield supporters and his board expect much better. Liverpool are safe from relegation, but their manager was not smiling. Having seen his defence allow Hendrie absurd amounts of space, Nicol score a comical own-goal and McManaman, along with Barnes, prove disappointingly bland, it was easy to see why.

Lennie Lawrence, Middlesbrough's manager, belongs to the opposite end of the managerspeak spectrum. Honesty, sometimes painful, is the hallmark of his media debriefings.

After watching Middlesbrough concede an 11th-minute goal to Hutchison — along with Whelan, Wright and Rush, one of the few Liverpool players seemingly immune to sunstroke — equalise four minutes later via Nicol's error under pressure and then look likely winners before losing to a preventable goal from Rush, Lawrence was candour itself.

Middlesbrough are in deep relegation danger and Lawrence pinpointed the reason. "My players can't cope because of their lapses in concentration."

MIDDLESBROUGH: I Ironside; C Morris, J Phillips, N Mohan, A Peake, D Whyte (sub: T Wright), J Hendrie, R Mustoe, P Wilkinson, W Falconer, C Hignett.
LIVERPOOL: D James, D Burrows, R Jones, S Nicol, M Wright, R Whelan, S Molderaman (sub: J Redknapp), D Hutchison, I Rush, J Barnes, R Rosenthal (sub: M Walters).
Referee: M Peck.

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Davies leads Widnes into cup final

Leeds........................4
Widnes....................39

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

JONATHAN Davies inspired Widnes to their first appearance in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley in nine years at Central Park on Saturday, scoring 18 points in an awesome display that left Leeds, disorganised and with little apparent stomach for the fight, trailing in his wake. In their eleventh game without defeat, Widnes became the first to book their seats in the final on May 1.

As he did in last year's Regal Trophy final, Davies's clever switches, acceleration and outstanding vision left Schofield, his opposite number, bemused and breathless. The indignity of the Great Britain captain was completed by his substitution five minutes from time, when a ragged Leeds defence was being breached at will and discarded scarves were raining down on their bench.

Goulding proved the perfect foil to Davies, one upright and devastatingly quick as he showed in two second-half tries, the other squat, powerful and with a brilliant kicking game. A 30-metre effort by Goulding sailed across the posts and the heads of the bunched opposition defence for Myers to catch cleanly and score from a favourite ploy, which caught Leeds unawares.

The ability of the Yorkshire side to flop on the big occasion is now legendary and, while they were in touch 7-4 at the interval, the collapse was prompted in the 47th minute by a towering ball by Goulding, which bounced off Tait — the man Doug Laughton swapped him for at the start of the season — for Davies to send in Devereux.

SCORERS: Leeds: Goals: Irving (2). Widnes: Tries: Davies (2), Myers (2), Devereux, Currier, Spruce. Goals: Davies (5). Dropped goal: Goulding.

LEEDS: A Tait; J Fallon, S Irving, C Innes, V Fawcett, G Schofield (rep: G Holroyd), A Gregory, S Molloy, J Lowes, M O'Neill (rep: P Anderson), P Dixon (rep: O'Neill), G Mercer, E Hanley.

WIDNES: S Spruce; J Devereux, A Currier, D Wright, D Myers; J Davies, B Goulding; K Sorensen (rep: L Holliday), P Hulme, H Howard (rep. Koloto), R Eyres, E Koloto (rep. S McCurrie), D Hulme.

Referee: I Ollerton.

Drama and excitement return to Formula One racing

Prost survives lottery in the rain

The pits: Hill hangs his head in despair after being hit from behind and crashing out of the South African grand prix yesterday

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN KYALAMI

THE drama and excitement that deserted Formula One last season returned at Kyalami yesterday when Alain Prost won an incident-packed race that was in the balance until he took the chequered flag. The Frenchman had built up an impressive lead with only a few laps left but then the heavens opened and turned his triumphal march into a nerve-wracking lottery.

Prost, 38, slowed dramatically to ensure a victory that was hard-won despite the 80-second winning margin. Ayrton Senna coasted in behind him and Mark Blundell provided some solace for British supporters, disappointed by the early exit of Damon Hill, with a fine third place after a year out of Grand Prix racing testing for McLaren.

Prost, too, of course, has been absent after a 12-month sabbatical and yesterday Formula One was afforded a glimpse of what it has been missing. Williams may not be the dominant team they were in 1992, both because of the inexperience of Hill and the advances made by McLaren and Benetton, but Prost proved that he at least will still be the driver to beat.

He got off to a terrible start when, beginning from pole position, he was beaten into the first corner by Senna, Hill and Schumacher respectively. "It is very difficult to find the clutch," he said afterwards. "I was not very confident and I almost stalled the engine."

Hill's dream start lasted a matter of seconds. He span wildly after the first bend for no reason other than lack of race craft, was lucky to avoid a collision with the on-rushing pack headed by Prost and never really recovered.

He was trying to work his way up through the field when the Lotus of Alessandro Zanardi shunted him into a gravel trap and out of the race. "I was pretty cross with myself after that first mistake," Hill said. "Fortunately, I kept together and stayed in the race and thought 'there's a chance to redeem myself'. Unfortunately Zanardi just lost his braking and hit me from behind. I suppose I will not be too popular."

In his own inimitably inexorable way, Prost gradually closed the gap on Schumacher and overtook him at the end of the straight on the thirteenth lap, clearing the way for the most enthralling phase of the race, a duel with Senna.

The Brazilian is renowned for his ability to hold off pursuing drivers and Kyalami is notorious for its lack of overtaking opportunities. Senna kept Prost at bay for 12 laps as the Frenchman desperately tried to find a way through. At one stage he drew alongside the leader and seemed sure to pass before Senna, 32, nipped back in front of him. Their high-speed jousting had the crowd on its feet, revelling in the reappearance of a genuinely competitive race.

Eventually, after two abortive attempts, Prost squeezed past Senna at the end of the straight on the 24th lap and Schumacher followed him past the Brazilian two corners later. Senna blamed his sudden vulnerability on an electrical fault which made his car "hell to drive". Nevertheless, he regained second place after a quicker pit-stop than Schumacher, and after the 24-year-old German mistakenly tried to pass him on a tight corner, clipped his rear right wheel and spun off, the Brazilian's runner's-up place was never threatened. Neither was Prost's lead.

Mark Blundell capitalised on the retirements of Alesi and Patrese to move into third.

His team mate Martin Brundle was running fifth when he hit a patch of oil and span off on the 59th lap, but the delight of Blundell, 26, was undiminished. Spare a thought, though, for the habitually unfortunate Derek Warwick in his uncompetitive Footwork, spun off when he only needed to cross the finishing line to claim a point.

DETAILS FROM KYALAMI

RESULTS: 1, A Prost (Fr), Williams, 1hr 38min 45.082sec (186.403kph); 2, A Senna (Br), McLaren, at 1min 19.824sec; 3, M Blundell (GB), Ligier at 1 lap; 4, C Fittipaldi (Br), Minardi, at 1; 5, J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, at 2; 6, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, at 3; 7, D Warwick (GB), Footwork, at 3. Did not finish: 8, M Brundle (GB), Ligier, 57 laps completed; 9, M Alboreto (It), Lola, 55; 10, E Comas (Fr), Larrousse, 51; 11, R Patrese (It), Benetton, 46; 12, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 39; 13, J Herbert (GB), Lotus, 38; 14, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 33; 15, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan, 31; 16, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 30; 17, P Alliot (Fr), Larrousse, 27; 18, F Barbazza (It), Minardi, 21; 19, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork, 21; 20, L Badoer (It), Ferrari, 20; 21, D Hill (GB), Williams, 16; 22, A Zanardi (It), Lotus, 16; 23, M Andretti (US), McLaren, 4; 24, I Capelli (It), Jordan, 2; 25, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell, 1; A De Cesaris (It), Tyrrell, failed to complete 1 lap. Fastest lap: Prost, 1min 19.492sec (192.970kph).

PRACTICE TIMES: 1, Prost, 1min 15.696sec (202.647kph); 2, Senna, 1:15.784; 3, Schumacher, 1:17.261; 4, Hill, 1:17.592; 5, Alesi, 1:18.234; 6, Lehto, 1:18.664; 7, Patrese, 1:18.678; 8, Blundell, 1:18.687; 9, Andretti, 1:18.786; 10, Wendlinger, 1:18.950; 11, Alliot, 1:19.034; 12, Brundle, 1:19.138; 13, Fittipaldi, 1:19.265; 14, Barrichello, 1:19.305; 15, Berger, 1:19.386; 16, Zanardi, 1:19.396; 17, Herbert, 1:19.498; 18, Capelli, 1:19.759; 19, Comas, 1:10.081; 20, Suzuki, 1:20.081; 21, Katayama, 1:20.237; 22, Warwick, 1:20.402; 23, de Cesaris, 1:20.660; 24, Barbazza, 1:20.994; 25, Alboreto, 1:21.893; 26, Badoer, 1:24.737.

World indoor victory has healing effect for Murray

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN TORONTO

YVONNE Murray on Saturday became the first British woman to win a world indoor athletics title, but will have a harder job convincing people that it was worth winning. In a weak field — only 12 entries from 203 International Amateur Athletic Federation member countries — it was nothing more than a demonstration run by the Scot. None of the first three from the Olympic Games in Barcelona was present, nor the previous champion, Marie-Pierre Duros, of France.

Even Murray used the term "Mickey Mouse event" as she discussed her victory, though she was pleased she had run it. After three successive gaffes at international championships, this was a test of her mind as much as her legs.

Employing a similar tactic, though not quite so outrageous, as the one she chose for the 1991 European Cup, Murray broke away early. The scars have not long healed from the memory of what happened in 1991: after a 62-second first lap that split the field, the pack swallowed her up and she finished fifth.

She was European champion, but was tenth in the 1991 world championships and eighth in the 1992 Olympics. "Before I knew it, I was in the world championships, and when you have a disappointing run it takes a while to get over it," Murray said. "I was angry with myself, and disappointed, with the world championships and Olympics, and it has taken a while to get it out of my system. I feel I have got over it with this race."

The medicinal effect cleared Murray's throat and set her talking about running "close to 8min 22sec", the outdoor world record. Her fastest so far is 8min 29sec. She believed, she said, that the outdoor world title this summer — when Saturday's missing lead cast will be back on the set — was within her grasp.

Her break came at 1,000 metres. The pace had been slow, but it had always been her intention to make her move there. By 2,000 metres, her lead was 90 metres and now we wondered whether her European Cup nightmare would revisit her.

But no. Though she was visibly tiring, the pack showed no interest in anything higher than the silver medal. Margareta Keszeg, of Romania, and Lynn Jennings, of the United States, were second and third, but neither was in trim, recording outside nine minutes. Murray clocked 8min 50.55sec.

Britain's second medal of the championships went to another Scot, David Strang, in the 1,500 metres. Again the field was weak, though one of those beaten was Rachid El Basir, the Moroccan who was second in Barcelona.

Strang was running more for a green card than a silver medal. He graduated from Stanford university 18 months ago and stayed in the United States to ply his trade as an athlete. But the immigration authorities have refused him a green card on the grounds that he is not a world-class athlete. Now he will be back on to them.

The title went for the third time to Marcus O'Sullivan, an Irishman whose smart indoor tactical running has never been seen outdoors. O'Sullivan won in 3min 45.00sec, with Strang on 3min 45.30sec. With a little more than 400 metres to go, Strang's hopes seem to have disappeared, but he worked his way out of a boxed-in position.

Jonathan Edwards, of Britain, was a disappointing seventh in the triple jump, almost a metre behind the winner, Pierre Camara, of France, but in the women's high jump, Jo Jennings equalled the British record with 1.94 metres to place ninth. Jennings was competing in one of the few events carrying the stamp of quality. It resulted in defeat for Heike Henkel, of Germany, who had won six international championships in succession.

MEN: 60m: 1, B Surin (Can), 6.50sec; 2, F Fredericks (Nam), 6.51; 3, T Mansoor (Qatar), 6.57. 1,500m: 1, M O'Sullivan (Ire), 3min 45.00sec; 2, D Strang (GB), 3:45.30; 3, B Zorko (Cro), 3:45.39. 4 x 400m relay: 1, United States, 3:04.20; 2, Trinidad and Tobago, 3:07.02; 3, Japan, 3:07.30. Pole vault: 1, R Gataullin (Russ), 5.90m; 2, G Yegorov (Kazakhstan), 5.80; 3, J Galfione (Fr), 5.80. Long jump: 1, I Pedroso (Cuba), 8.23; 2, J Greene (US), 8.13; 3, D Ivanov (Bul), 7.98. Triple jump: 1, P Camara (Fr), 17.59; 2, M Bruziks (Lat), 17.36; 3, N Raev (Bul), 17.27; 7, J Edwards (GB), 16.76. Shot: 1, M Stulce (US), 21.27; 2, J Doehring (US), 21.08; 3, A Bagach (Ukr), 20.63; 9, P Edwards (GB), 18.32.

WOMEN: 60m: 1, G Devers (US), 6.95sec; 2, I Privalova (Russ), 6.97; 3, J Tarnapolskaya (Ukr), 7.21. 3,000m: 1, Y Murray (GB), 8min 50.55sec; 2, M Keszeg (Rom), 9:02.89; 3, L Jennings (US), 9:03.78; 11, G Hendricken (Ire), 9:27.89. 4 x 400m relay: 1, Russia, 3:28.90; 2, Jamaica, 3:32.32; 3, United States, 3:32.50. 3km walk: 1, E Nikolaeva (Russ), 11:49.73; 2, K Junna-Saxby (Aus), 11:53.82; 3, I Salvador (It), 11:55.35. High jump: 1, S Kostadinova (Bul), 2.02m; 2, H Henkel (Ger), 2.02; 3, I Babakova (Ukr), 2.00; 9, J Jennings (GB), 1.94. Long jump: 1, M Ilcu (Rom), 6.84; 2, S Tiedtke (Ger), 6.84; 3, I Kravets (Ukr), 6.77. Pentathlon: 1, I Belova (Russ), 4,787pts; 2, L Nastase (Rom), 4,686; 3, U Wlodarczyk (Pol), 4,667.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

AUCKLAND: Third Test match

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 139 (Morrison 6-37)

Second innings

D C Boon lbw b Su'a	53
M A Taylor st Blain b Patel	3
J L Langer lbw b Patel	0
D R Martyn c Greatbatch b Patel	74
S R Waugh lbw b Patel	0
*A R Border not out	61
†I A Healy c Blain b Patel	24
M G Hughes not out	0
Extras (nb 8, lb 3)	11
Total (6 wkts)	226

P R Reiffel, S K Warne and C J McDermott to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-8, 3-115, 4-119, 5-169, 6-225

BOWLING: Morrison 23-5-59-0, Patel 28-7-67-5, Watson 11-4-25-0, Su'a 15-3-47-1, Harris 2-1-4-0

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

J G Wright c Taylor b McDermott	33
M J Greatbatch c Border b Hughes	32
A H Jones c Healy b Hughes	20
*M D Crowe c Taylor b Waugh	31
K R Rutherford st Healy b Warne	43
C Z Harris c Taylor b Warne	13
†T E Blain c Healy b McDermott	15
D N Patel c Healy b Warne	2
M L Su'a c Waugh b Warne	3
D K Morrison not out	10
W Watson lbw b Hughes	0
Extras (b 10, lb 7, nb 5)	22
Total	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-91, 3-97, 4-144, 5-175, 6-200, 7-205, 8-205, 9-224

BOWLING: McDermott 19-6-50-2, Hughes 24.5-6-67-3, Reiffel 22-6-63-0, Warne 15-12-8-4, Waugh 14-6-19-1, Martyn 1-1-0-0

DELHI: Test match

INDIA: First innings

M Prabhakar c A Flower b Brain	3
N S Sidhu lbw b Traicos	61
V G Kambli not out	207
S R Tendulkar c Traicos b Ranchod	62
*M A Azharuddin run out	42
P K Amre not out	12
Extras (b 16, lb 6, w 2)	24
Total (4 wkts)	411

Kapil Dev, V Yadav, A Kumble, M Singh and R K Chauhan to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-126, 3-263, 4-375

BOWLING: Brandes 26-4-73-0, Brain 19-1-79-1, Al. Shah 13-3-43-0, Traicos 35-3-125-1, Ranchod 12-0-45-1.

ZIMBABWE: D Houghton, A Flower, K Arnott, G Flower, A Shah, A Campbell, G Briant, E Brandes, D Brain, J Traicos, U Ranchod

BENSON AND HEDGES ONE-DAY COMPETITION: Johannesburg: Transvaal 204-4 in 45 overs (D Cullinan 76 not out, J Cook 65). Eastern Province 106-7 in 45 overs. Transvaal won by 63 runs. East London: Border 145 in 40.3 overs. Orange Free State 146-1 in 28.1 overs. Orange Free State won by nine wickets

ATHLETICS

OHTSU, Japan: Biwako Mainichi Marathon: 1, M O'Reilly (GB), 2hr 11min 01sec (event record); 2, W Panszko (Pol), 2.11.15; 3, G Thys (SA), 2.11.40

ROWING

KINGSTON HEAD OF THE RIVER: 1, London Univ, 15min 37sec (open winners); 2, Oxford Brookes Univ, 15.49 (senior 1 winners); 3, Kingston, 16.01. Other division winners: Senior II: Southampton Univ, 16.13. Senior III: Oxford Brookes Univ, 16.18. Novice: Imperial Col, 17.24. School: King's, Canterbury, 17.26. Junior 16: Winchester, 17.06. Junior 15: St Paul's, 19.02. Women: Senior I: Kingston, 18.18. Senior III: Reading Univ, 18.38. Novice: Imperial Col, 19.20.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Leicester Riders 81, Derby Bucks 96, Oldham Celtics 74, Birmingham Bullets 77. Second division: Barnsley Generals 56, Cardiff 72, Bury Lobos 85, Crystal Palace 88, Coventry Flyers 76, Middlesboro Mohawks 82, Lewisham Lightning 67, Ware Rebels 74, Plymouth Raiders 81, Brixton Topcats 91. Third division: Sedgefield Racers 47, Sheffield Forgers 66; Stevenage Phoenix 71, Swindon Sonics 84. Women: First division: Chesham Ladies 48, Milton Keynes Q Cats 57; Leicester Ladies 35, Ipswich 69, Northampton 45, Sheffield Hatters 52, Thames Valley 105, London YMCA 45

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Chicago Bulls 123, Charlotte Hornets 108, Atlanta Hawks 110, Orlando Magic 92; Milwaukee Bucks 115, Boston Celtics 109, Los Angeles Lakers 101, Philadelphia 76ers 95, New York Knicks 109, Washington Bullets 98, Phoenix Suns 116, Dallas Mavericks 98, Los Angeles Clippers 117, Minnesota Timberwolves 93. Saturday: New Jersey Nets 124, Phoenix Suns 93, Miami Heat 106, Seattle SuperSonics 102, San Antonio Spurs 108, Portland Trail Blazers 99, Houston Rockets 104, Utah Jazz 95, Sacramento Kings 122, Dallas Mavericks 94. Postponed: Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers, Cleveland Cavaliers at Washington Bullets; Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks.

CYCLING

PARIS-NICE RACE: Sixth stage (193km): 1, M Cipollini (It), 4hr 58min 34sec; 2, W Nelissen (Bel); 3, J Capiot (Bel); 4, A Baffi (It); 5, A Saitov (Russia); 6, W Veenstra (Holl), all same time. Seventh stage (from Marseilles, 196km): 1, A de las Cuevas (Fr), 5hr 9min 48sec; 2, L Armstrong (US), at 16sec; 3, M Scandri (It); 4, R Pensec (Fr); 5, S Heulot (Fr); 6, A Kvalsvoll (Nor), all same time. Eighth stage (first leg, 104km, from Mandelieu-La-Napoule): 1, L Jalabert (Fr), 2hr 37min 2sec; 2, Scandri; 3, Baffi; 4, G Bortolami (It); 5, F Simon (Fr), all same time. Overall: 1, A Zuelle (Switz)

TIRRENO-ADRIATICO RACE: Fourth stage (225km) (Italy unless stated): 1, M Fondriest, 5hr 37min 20sec; 2, J Skibby (Den); 3, A Tchmil (Moldavia); 4, D Rebellin; 5, S Della Santa; 6, M Argentin, all same time. Overall: 1, Fondriest, 21hr 15min 37sec; 2, Skibby, at 1sec; 3, Tchmil; 4, Della Santa; 5, Argentin, same time; 6, A Chiurato, 9

TOUR OF MURCIA: Sixth stage (11km time trial): 1, M Induráin (Sp), 13min 47secs; 2, J Gorospe (Sp), same time; 3, V Ekimov (Russ), at 4sec; 4, L Dufaux (Switz); 5, A Gonzalez (Sp), 8; 6, J Llaneras (Sp), 9. Overall: 1, C Galarreta (Sp), 20hr 28min 16sec; 2, L Cubino (Sp), at 2sec; 3, E Bouwmans (Holl), 12; 4, Gorospe, 17; 5, E Chozas (Sp), 25; 6, J Unzaga (Sp), 45

EQUESTRIANISM

DORTMUND: United Electricity prize: 1, Loro Piana Colonel (R Pessoa, Br), 51.77sec; 2, Roby Foulards Pay Day (P Lejeune, Bel), 52.44; 3, Elena H van der Pol (Holl), 53.00. Dressage grand prix: 1, Gigolo (I Werth, Ger), 1,714pts; 2, Grunox TecRent (M Theodorescu, Ger), 1,690; 3, Andiamo (S Rothenberger, Ger), 1,636. British placing: 14, Virtu (E Faurie), 1,490. Grosser Preis der Bundesrepublic: 1, Everest Grannuch (J Whitaker, GB), 0 faults, 35.70sec; 2, Everest Polydektes (M Whitaker, GB), 0, 38.74; 3, Leroy Brown (T Nagel, Ger), 3, 50.16. Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, P S Priamos (D Hafemeister, Ger), 0 faults, 33.36sec; 2, Almox Poker (M Beerbaum, Ger), 0, 34.32; 3, Panok Pirol B (L McNaught-Mandli, Switz), 0, 34.56. British placings: 5, Everest Polydektes (M Whitaker), 4, 33.28 (in jump-off); 6, Everest Midnight (J Whitaker). Leading European League positions (after 11 of 13 qualifiers): 1, L Beerbaum (Ger), 63pts; 2, H Luther (Ger), 61; 3, J Lansink (Holl), 59. British: 18, M Whitaker, 34; 19, J Whitaker, 33

FOOTBALL

Late results on Friday

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Wigan 2, Preston 3. Third division: Colchester 2, Cardiff 4; Crewe 1, Rochdale 1

JEWSON LEAGUE: First division: Thetford Town 0, Stanway Rovers 0

FRENCH LEAGUE: Lille 1, Nantes 1, Marseilles 0, Bordeaux 0, Montpellier 1, Nimes 0, Paris Saint-Germain 1, Lyons 1; Sochaux 1, Lens 1; St Etienne 0, Monaco 0; Strasbourg 3, Le Havre 1, Toulouse 0, Metz 0, Valenciennes 3, Toulon 1

GERMAN LEAGUE: Kaiserslautern 0, Borussia Dortmund 0; Hamburger SV 3, Cologne 0; Schalke 04 2, Saarbrucken 2

SCHOOLS MATCH: English British Gas Trophy: Semi-final: Leicester 0, Sheffield 2

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Slough 2, Old Loughtonians 2. Second division: Doncaster 3, Lyons 1, Harborne 3, Cambridge City 4

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bury St Edmunds 1, Blueharts 2, Cambridge Univ 3, Stevenage 2, Redbridge and Ilford 8, Westcliff 1

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Chelmsford 1, Ealing 0, Clifton 0, FP Sutton Coldfield 1; Exmouth 0, Leicester 2, Hightown 3, Doncaster 0, Ipswich 5, Wimbledon 0, Slough 2, Pickwick 1. Final positions: 1, Ipswich, 28pts; 2, Hightown, 27; 3, Slough, 25; 4, Sutton Coldfield, 22. Second division: Bluebarts 2, Sherwood 1, Bradford 1, Trojans 2; Cambridge City 0, Bracknell 3, Cowalt 2, Yate 2, Sunderland

Bedans 1, Harleston Magpies 1. Final positions: 1, Trojans, 22pts; 2, Bracknell, 20; 3, Bluehats, 19; 4, Bradford, 18

CLUB MATCHES: C S Bath 4, Cardiff 3, Colchester 4, Norwich Exiles 1; London Indians 1, East Grinstead 1; Nottingham 4, Leicester Westleigh 2; Redditch 1, Northampton Saints 0.

ALDERSHOT: Services Championship: Senior: Army 0, RAF 0. Final positions: 1, Army, 4pts; 2, RAF, 4; 3, Royal Navy, 0. Under-21: Army 3, RAF 2. Final positions: 1, Royal Navy, 6pts; 2, Army, 3; 3, RAF, 0. Veteran: RAF 5, Army 2. Final positions: 1, RAF, 6pts; 2, Royal Navy, 3; 3, Army, 0. Women: Army 0, RAF 0 (RAF won 3-1 on penalty strokes). Final positions: 1, RAF, 6pts; 2, Army, 3; 3, Royal Navy, 0

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff Devils 10, Murrayfield Racers 6; Durham Wasps 11, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 5; Fife Flyers 4, Nottingham Panthers 2; Humberside Seahawks 10, Bracknell Bees 2. First division: Milton Keynes Kings 6, Slough Jets 2; Sheffield Steelers 7, Romford Raiders 7; Telford Tigers 5, Basingstoke Beavers 15

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Toronto Maple Leafs 8, Tampa Bay Lightning 2; Vancouver Canucks 3, Winnipeg Jets 2; Edmonton Oilers 6, New Jersey Devils 4. Saturday: Boston Bruins 6, Ottawa Senators 3, Buffalo Sabres 3, Hartford Whalers 3; Calgary Flames 4, New Jersey Devils 3; Quebec Nordiques 5, Montreal Canadiens 2; St Louis Blues 6, Minnesota North Stars 2. Postponed: Los Angeles Kings at Philadelphia Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Islanders; New York Rangers at Washington Capitals

ICE SKATING

PRAGUE: World championships: Ice dance. Final: 1, M Usova and A Zhulin (Rus), 2.0pts; 2, O Gritschuk and E Platov (Rus), 4.0; 3, A Krylova and V Fedorov (Rus), 6.2; 4, S Rahkamo and P Kokko (Fin), 7.8; 5, S Moniotte and P Lavanchy (Fr), 10.4; 6, S Calegari and P Camerlengo (It), 12.6. British: 17, M Humphreys and J Lanning, 34.2. Women: Overall final placings: 1, O Baiul (Ukr), 2.0; 2, S Bonaly (Fr), 3.5; 3, Chen Lu (China), 5.5; 4, Y Sato (Japan), 7.0; 5, N Kerrigan (US), 9.5; 6, M Kielmann (Ger), 10.0; 12, C von Saher (GB), 19.5.

GOLF

ROEHAMPTON GOLD CUP: Leading final scores: 138: B New (Lansdown) 68, 70; 146: J Soulsby (Gosforth Park) 72, 74; 149: T Loveys (Weymouth) 76, 73; C Lambert (North Berwick) 77, 72; 151: M Sutton (Royal Blackheath) 74, 77; A Johns (Greetham Valley) 76, 75; 152: S Sanderson (Broadstone) 75, 76; S Shapcott (Unattached) 75, 77.

HANDBALL

STOCKHOLM: Men's world championship: Group A: Spain 17, Egypt 14; Czechoslovakia 22, Austria 20. Group B: France 21, Norway 20; Romania 19, Switzerland 18. Group D: Russia 25, Denmark 18, Germany 28, South Korea 25

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: Queen Mary's 4, Newcastle 1

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Friday: Sheffield Eagles 21, Bradford Northern 12; St Helens 34, Hull Kingston Rovers 14. Yesterday: Hull 20, Leigh 36, Warrington 56, Halifax 24, Wigan 70, Salford 6. Second division: Bramley 14, Rochdale 20; London Crusaders 31, Huddersfield 17; Oldham 24, Featherstone 22, Swinton 18, Carlisle 13. Third division: Batley 24, Highfield 5, Blackpool 14, Hunslet 42; Chorley 8, Whitehaven 36; Keighley 33, Dewsbury 24; Nottingham City 24, Doncaster 25; Ryedale York 16, Workington 12.

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Castleford 56, Batley 8. Halifax 23, Warrington 24.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: London and south east: First division: Barking 9, Ealing 15; Old Colfeians 3, Guildford and Godalming 17; Old Gaytonians 23, Old Alleynian 15, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 37, Dorking 8; Sidcup 13, Tabard 32; Sutton and Epsom 9, Eton Manor 9. South west: First division: Brixham 19, Maidenhead 6; Cheltenham 22, St Ives 15; Cinderford 20, Newbury 22; Gordon League 10, Reading 45; Henley 46, Torquay 6, Sherborne 15, Penryn 7. North: First division: Hull Ionians 27, Bradford and Bingley 29; Lymm 13, Vale of Lune 20, Middlesbrough 14, Wharfedale 21, Stockton 8, Northern 5; Tynedale 23, Sandal 3, Wigton 26, Widnes 10. Midlands: First division: Barkers Butts 11, Bedworth 0; Birmingham Solihull 38, Westleigh 9, Camp Hill 16, Syston 20, Derby 20, Newark 21; Leighton Buzzard 15, Mansfield 6; Paviors 15, Leamington 22, Wolverhampton 23, Vipers 8.

CANBERRA SEVENS: Pool A: Scotland 24, ACT 21. Canada 14, ACT 12; Canada 26, Scotland 14. Pool B: Canterbury 24, Australia 7, New South Wales 28, Canterbury 19; Australia 40, New South Wales 14. Pool C: Western Samoa 47, Australian Institute of Sport 0; Western Samoa 40, United States 5; United States 31, AIS 10. Pool D: Fiji 29, Hong Kong 7; Queensland 21, Fiji 14; Queensland 28, Hong Kong 12. Bowl: Semi-finals: New South Wales 45, AIS 0; ACT 32, Hong Kong 12. Final: New South Wales 14, ACT 12. Plate: Semi-finals: Canterbury 29, United States 7; Fiji 24, Scotland 0. Final: Canterbury 14, Fiji 12. Cup: Semi-finals: Western Samoa 29, Australia 14; Canada 19, Queensland 12. Final: Western Samoa 31, Canada 10.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Second division: Tredegar 3, Blaina 6 (abandoned, 39min).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Kent Schools seven-a-side tournament: Semi-finals: Eltham College 15, Colfe's 7; King's Canterbury 17, Judd 18. Final: Eltham College 17, Judd 5.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: R Carter and H Green (Rugby) bt T Sheehan and P Herdinges (Malvern), 15-10, 15-11, 15-6, 15-10.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Asian Open: Third round (Eng unless stated): A McManus (Scot) bt I Graham, 5-3; R O'Sullivan bt S James, 5-2; J Swail (N Ire) bt D Reynolds, 5-3; D Morgan (Wales) bt J McLaughlin (N Ire), 5-4; N Dyson bt A Jones, 5-2; S Murphy (Ire) bt A Drago (Malta), 5-1; A Knowles bt P Ebdon, 5-0; J White bt S Lanigan, 5-0; D Taylor (N Ire) bt S Morris, 5-2; M Clark bt G Dennis, 5-1; S Lee bt N Bond, 5-4; J Ferguson bt S Francisco (SA), 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt D Finbow, 5-0; J Johnson bt T Shaw, 5-4; J Campbell (Aus) bt E Charlton (Aus), 5-0; J Woodman bt D Fowler, 5-4

SKIING

HAFJELL, Norway: Women's World Cup slalom event: 1, R Goetschl (Austria), 1min 38.01sec; 2, K Andersson (Swe), 1:38.63; 3, P Chauvet (Fr), 1:38.69; 4, M Gallizio (It), 1:38.71; 5, A Coberger (NZ), 1:38.72; 6, V Schneider (Switz), 1:38.75. Combined (downhill and slalom): 1, B Perez (It), 16.99pts; 2, Gallizio, 26.24; 3, M Vogt (Ger), 34.76; 4, A Wachter (Austria); 62.93; 5, M Ertl (Ger); 67.11; 6, S Schuster (Austria), 75.55. Overall World Cup standings: 1, Wachter, 1,090pts; 2, K Seizinger (Ger), 956; 3, C Merle (Fr), 846; 4, Vogt, 639.

ALTENMARKT, Austria: World freestyle championships: Men: Aerials: 1, P Laroche (Can), 231.79pts; 2, R Cobbing (GB), 229.75; 3, J-M Bacquin (Fr), 229.38. Moguls: 1, J-L Brassard (Can), 26.57; 2, F Bertrand (Fr), 25.27; 3, O Cotte (Fr), 25.21. Women: Moguls: 1, S-L Hattestad (Nor), 25.22; 2, P Moroder (It), 23.97; 3, B Thomas (Can), 23.88.

TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton championships: Men's singles: First round: T Martin (US) bt A Olhovskiy (Rus), 6-2, 6-1; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt M Filippini (Uru), 5-7, 6-1, 6-4; K Braasch (Ger) bt S Pescosolido (It), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; G Raoux (Fr) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 7-5, 7-5; M Naewie (Ger) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-4, 1-6, 6-2; R Gilbert (Fr) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-4, 6-2; B Black (Zim) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; B Steven (NZ) bt D Prinosil (Ger), 6-3, 6-2; A Krickstein (US) bt A O'Brien (US), 4-6, 6-3, 5-5 ret; T Wasken (US) bt J Stark (US), 7-6, 7-6, 6-3; R Furlan (It) bt D Nargiso (It), 1-6, 7-6, 6-4; P McEnroe (US) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 7-6, 6-2; L Lavalle (Mex) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 7-5, 2-6, 7-6; M Ondruska (SA) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; B Karbacher (Ger) bt G Bloom (Isr), 3-6, 7-6, 7-6; J Tarango (US) bt T Enqvist (Swe), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; S Cortes (Chile) bt G Markus (Arg), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; G Pozzi (It) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; V Spadea (US) bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-3, 6-1; A Chesnokov (Rus) bt R Reneberg (US), 7-5, 7-6; B Shelton (US) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-3, 6-4. Women's singles: First round: C Rubin (US) bt B Nagelsen (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; R Fairbank-Nideffer (US) bt R White (US), 6-4, 1-6, 6-2; S Testud (Fr) bt C Fauche (Fr), 6-3, 6-0; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt N Dahlman (Fin), 6-4, 7-6; D van Rensburg (SA) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 7-6, 6-1; S Stafford (US) bt J Byrne (Aus), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; T Whitlinger (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-2, 6-2; C Kuhlman (US) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-4, 6-3; N Ercegovic (Cro) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; K Rinaldi (US) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 7-6, 6-3; L Davenport (US) bt K Po (US), 6-0, 6-4; I Demongeot (Fr) bt E Smylie (Aus), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; S Farina (It) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-3, 6-3; R McQuillan (Aus) bt G Helgeson (US), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; M Oremans (Hol) bt L Allen (US), 6-4, 6-3; J Steven (US) bt K Kroupova (Cz), 6-3, 6-3; S Rottier (Holl) bt T Austin (US), 6-3, 6-1; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt R Stubbs (Aus), 7-5, 7-5; N Arendt (US) bt M J Gaidano (Arg), 1-6, 7-5, 6-2; M Werdel (US) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-1, 6-4; B Fulco-Villella (Arg) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; C Singer (Ger) bt M Bollegraf (Holl), 6-4, 6-4; Y Segal (Isr) bt C Cunningham (US), 6-3, 7-5; J Emmons (US) bt E Maniokova (Rus), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; L Field (Aus) bt D Faber (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Durie (GB) bt C Papadaki (Gr), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2; A Grossman (US) bt K Piccolini (It), 6-0, 6-2; A Gavaldon (Mex) bt M Drake (Can), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; G Pizzichini (It) bt M McGrath (US), 7-5, 7-6; L Raymond (US) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-4, 6-4.

ZARAGOZA: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: K Novacek (Cz) bt F Roig (Sp), 6-4, 6-4; A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Goellner (Ger), 7-5, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt M Damm (Cz), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; M Zoecke (Ger) bt A Thoms (Ger), 7-5, 6-2. Semi-finals: Novacek bt Jarryd, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; Svensson bt Zoecke, 6-3, 6-3. Final: Novacek bt Svensson, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Premier League

Crystal Palace v Chelsea (8.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Stevenage Borough v Hayes. League Cup: Semi-final: Sutton United v Marlow.

PONTINS CENTRAL DIVISION: First division: Leicester City v Leeds United (7.0), Notts County v Sunderland, Stoke City v Sheffield United (7.0). Second division: Mansfield Town v West Bromwich Albion (7.0)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Millwall v Bristol City (7.0), Swindon Town v Fulham (2.0).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Ashton United v Warrington, Worksop v Shepshed Albion. League Cup: Winsford v Colwyn Bay.

SUBURBAN LEAGUE: South division: Croydon v Tooting and Mitcham, Croydon Athletic v Dorking

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Lymington v Thatcham.

RUGBY UNION

Club match

Plymouth Albion v Crawshay's XV (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: British Isles men's indoor championships (Swansea); British Isles women's indoor championships (Perth)

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S 12 POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS

AVON VALE (Barbury Castle). Hunt: 1, New Game (G Maundrell, Evens fav); 2, Kings Wild; 3, Tartan Testament. 6 ran. Open: 1, Ruby Flame (C Jowett, 4-1), 2, Tubbs, 3, Strong Bond. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Hazeleels Delight (Miss A Dare, 4-5 fav); 2, River Trout; 3, Dandy. 5 ran. BFSS (Nov Riders) I: 1, Pick Roundstone (A Balding, 6-4 fav); 2, Funchen View; 3, Ragnbeau. 12 ran. Confined: 1, Cape Cottage (A Phillips, Evens fav); 2, Mirage Day; 3, Bush Buzzard. 14 ran. BFSS (Nov Riders) II: 1, Fib (Miss A Rainbow, 4-1); 2, Border Sun; 3, Eight Springs. 7 ran. Mdn 1, French Pleasure (P Howse, 4-5 fav), 2, S Bend, 3, Annson. 6 ran.

BRECON (Llanfrynach). Hunt: 1, Geo Pasheen (Miss A Sheppard), finished alone. Confined: 1, Northern Barry (W Bryan, 6-1), 2, New Part; 3, Crown Royale. 15 ran. Open: 1, Carrickmines (T Jones, 5-2), 2, Solars Pride, 3, Cleavers Gate. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Spartan City (Mrs P Nash, 7-4 jt-fav), 2, Pharmarr 3, Tolanda. 7 ran. Rest I: 1, Sun Of Chance (J Llewellyn, 7-4 fav), 2, Just Perkins; 3, Cosa Nostra. 14 ran. Rest II: 1, Taurean Tycoon (J Price, 10-1); 2, Celtic William; 3, General Troy. 12 ran. Rest III: 1, Sethelve (D Stephens, 3-1), 2, Dcubbing Donna; 3, Golden Gaze. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Construction King (Mrs J Hawkins, 5-4 fav), 2, Fobcourt Hill; 3, Polly Pringle. 12 ran. Mdn (Div II): 1, Mandys Special (A Brown, Evens fav), 2, Guarene, 3, Agapanthus. 8 ran. Mdn III: 1, Oakers Hill (W Bryan, 6-4 fav); 2, Urban Surfer, 3, Push Along. 10 ran.

ESSEX (High Easter). Confined: 1, Sneakapenny (E Nicolson, 6-4 fav), 2, Drommin Leader; 3, Shotingo. 9 ran. Rest I: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 4-6 fav); 2, Master Strides; 3, Cardinal Richelieu. 12 ran. Hunt: 1, Foxy Games (R Gill, 9-4); 2, York Royal; 3, Takeover Bid. 7 ran. Rest II: 1, Paytos (N Bloom, 5-1), 2, Woodredon Lad; 3, Beach Tiger. 14 ran. Open: 1, Quick Reaction (S R Andrews, 5-4 fav), 2, Bigoun; 3, Lad Lane. 6 ran. Inter: 1, Cherryhill Beauty (M Gingell, 1-2 fav); 2, Tam's Ana; 3, Run Token. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Rubie's Choice (Miss N Bothway, 1-2 fav); 2, Shedid, 3, South Sunrise. 9 ran.

Mdn I: 1, Ovac Star (N Bloom, 14-1), 2, Mount Patrick; 3, Muck Or Money. 12 ran. Mdn (Div II): 1, Beau Seigneur (Miss L Hollis, 7-2), 2, Copper Thistle, 3, Squeeze Me. 12 ran.

HOLDERNESS (Dalton Park). Hunt: 1, Par Kelly (M Sowersby, 11-10), 2, Ubu Val; 3, Lagantraa. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Monkey Run (S Swiers, 3-1); 2, Magic Whip, 3, Obel Boy. 12 ran. Open: 1, Speakers Corner (M Sowersby, 2-5 fav); 2, Polygonum; 3, Harley. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Air Mark (Mrs J Speight, 2-1 fav); 2, Bangemma, 3, Waltingo. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Prospecting (S Swiers, 4-7 fav); 2, Tricksome; 3, Sherwood Hope. 14 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Jemgo (M Sowersby, 7-4); 2, Crack-A-Jim; 3, Betty Boop. 11 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Sea Arrow (Mrs M Morris, Evens fav), 2, Zenska, 3, Apple Magic. 14 ran.

NORTH LEDBURY (Upton-On-Severn): Hunt: 1, King Seor (J Hughes, 5-2), 2, Celtic Fleet; 3, Pearly King. 11 ran. Confined: 1, Foxgrove (T Richards, 2-1 fav), 2, Widnita; 3, Another Soldier. 19 ran. Open: 1, Queensway Boy (N Bradley, 6-4 fav); 2, Border Burg, 3, Gentleman's Jig. 13 ran. Rest I: 1, Midnight Sailor (G Godsall, 8-1), 2, Juranstan, 3, Admiral Oliver. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Aristos (Miss T Cave, 4-9 fav), 2, Smooth Start; 3, Leigh Boy. 6 ran. Rest II: 1, Royal Upham (Miss S Sadler, 5-2 fav); 2, Red Furlong; 3, Montys Gunner. 13 ran. Mdn: 1, My Guy (A Steel, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Wayward Sailor; 3, Clovers Last. 12 ran.

OAKLEY (Newton Bromswold): Hunt: 1, Lollys Patch (Mrs R Mann, 4-6 fav), 2, Indopherenes; 3, Coral John. 4 ran. Confined I: 1, Kingsford (S Green, 33-1); 2, Ballycran Star; 3, St Laycar. 7 ran. Confined II: 1, Wild Illusion (J Trice-Rolph, 1-2 fav); 2, Lazy The Lamb; 3, Sussanan Siosana. 14 ran. Open: 1, Snowfire Chap (J Trice-Rolph, 5-4 fav); 2, Blakes Orphan, 3, Fence Judge. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Golden Wings (Mrs T Hill, 6-1), 2, Outside Edge; 3, Fedneyhill. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Tarry Awhile (G Tarry, 6-1); 2, Golden Companion, 3, Lovers Duet. 12 ran. Mdn II: 1, Glover's Kind (Miss C Mumford 25-1), 2, Johnny's Choice, 3, Sunshine Manor. 11 ran. Mdn III: 1, Spartan's Saint (G Tarry, 7-4 fav), 2, Resignation Day, 3, Rural Custom. 11 ran.

SILVERTON (Haldon): Hunt: 1, Holcombe Bill (S Slade, 8-11 fav); 2, Grey Guestino, 3, Parkside Lad. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Flame O'Frensi (Miss J Cumings, 4-5 fav), 2, The Doormaker; 3, Bargain And Sale. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, For A Lark (Mrs S Palmer, Evens fav), 2, Try It Alone, 3, Smokin' Anna. 12 ran. Open: 1, Oriental Plume (D Stephens, 6-4 fav); 2, Busteele; 3, Random Place. 11 ran. Rest I: 1, Elegant Bar (T Greed, 6-1); 2, Shamarphil; 3, Vital Song. 12 ran. Rest II: 1, Some-Toy (R White, 3-1); 2, Strobe Light; 3, Our Entertainer. 14 ran. Mdn I: 1, Rex To The Rescue (R Treloggen, 11-10 fav); 2, Even Funnier; 3, L'Etoile Du Palais. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Proud Sun (J Dowrick, 8-1); 2, Blazing Express; 3, Silly Sausage. 10 ran.

SOUTH EAST HUNTS CLUB (Charing). Club Rest: 1, Princess Tra (J Garratt, 25-1), 2, Bally Murphy Boy; 3, Rusty Rain. 8 ran. Club Hunt: 1, Linred (P Hacking, 7-4 fav); 2, Profligate, 3, Miss Celebrity. 9 ran. Open: 1, Glenavey (P Hacking, 11-8 fav); 2, Startop, 3, Disneyland. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Maltby Boy (Mrs A Hickman, 1-4 fav); 2, Liberty Square; 3, Bright Hour. 7 ran. Club Moderate: 1, Fatade (T McCarthy, 11-8 fav); 2, Burromariner, 3, Gee Up. 7 ran. Mdn (Div I): 1, Em-Em (Miss G Glessing, 5-2), 2, Majestic Ride; 3, Eucryphia. 5 ran. Mdn II: 1, Smart Work (C Gordon, 2-1), 2, Second Time Round. 4 ran.

TANATSIDE (Eyton-On-Severn): Hunt: 1, Tytherington (T Angell, 1-3 fav); 2, The Parson Fox; 3, Madam Mane. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Freddy Frockles (A Crow, Evens fav); 2, Le Garcon D'Or; 3, Autumn Sport. 9 ran. Open: 1, Abbreviation (A Crow, 5-2), 2, Technoc; 3, Punching Glory. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Springmount (Miss S Swindells, 7-1); 2, Way Clear; 3, Czarinno. 7 ran. Rest I: 1, Pont De Paix (C Barlow, 1-5 fav); 2, Fanny Price; 3, Pass Pride. 7 ran. Rest II: 1, Abimorton (S Brookshaw, 7-4); 2, River Melody; 3, Tacket. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Chip'N'run (J Comes, 4-1); 2, Comedie Fleur; 3, R N Commander. 11 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Blaster Bins (S Brookshaw, 5-2); 2, Mister Hochberg; 3, Strength In Depth. 6 ran.

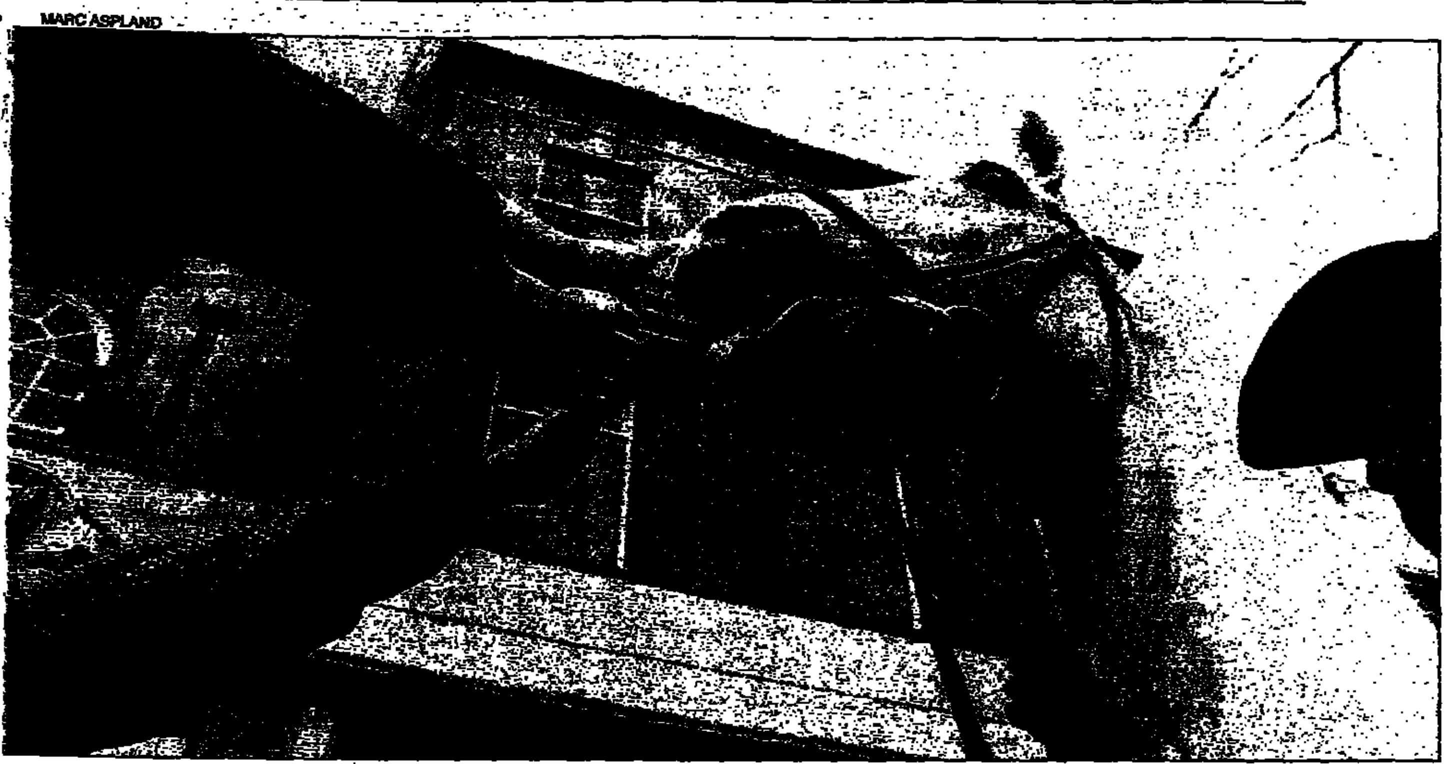
TYNEDALE (Corbridge): Hunt: 1, Master Mathew (N Hargreave, 4-5 fav); 2, Miss Eros; 3, Gros. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Wheelies Newmember (J M Dun, 6-1); 2, Washakie; 3, Sharp Opinion. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Steele Justice (Miss P Robson, 2-5 fav); 2, Major Rouge; 3, Eye Valley. 12 ran. Rest I: 1, Popeshall (Miss S Williamson, Evens fav); 2, Carly Bmn; 3, Rampsbeck Lad. 9 ran. Rest II: 1, Pennine Pride (Miss S Hunter, 8-1); 2, Gaelic Empress, 3, Willie Butt. 11 ran. Open: 1, Jimmy River (A Parker, 4-5 fav); 2, Gunmetal Boy; 3, Royelle. 10 ran. Mdn I: 1, Lawnswood Boy (N Hargreave, 9-4 fav); 2, Redhall Royale, 3, Just Maskaraider. 16 ran. Mdn II: 1, Hope For The Best (N Hargreave, 6-4 fav), 2, Strong Chance, 3, Anzama. 9 ran. Mdn III: 1, Mainhope (C Storey, 5-4 fav); 2, Billbang; 3, Estimated. 9 ran.

WESTERN (Wadebridge): Rest: 1, Brother Bill (J Culloty, 6-1), 2, Stoke Hand; 3, Vintage Velvet. 11 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Yahoo (B Haffeman, 1-4 fav); 2, Pippin Coady; 3, Phaloff. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Persian Style (W G Turner, 4-5 fav), 2, Winters Sovereign; 3, Golden Acre. 5 ran. Inter: 1, Bold Accord (Miss K Bailey, 13-8), 2, Penult; 3, Shaugh Moor. 5 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Sherwood Fox (A Wonnacott, 8-1), 2, The Kimbler; 3, Emily's Niece. 8 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Upham Close (Miss M Turner, 6-1); 2, Baron Mena; 3, Conway Flyer. 10 ran. Hunt: 1, Dark Reflection (D Curnow, 1-2 fav); 2, Cornish Griffin, 3, Duet. 3 ran.

WEST SOMERSET VALE (Kingston-St Mary): Hunt: 1, Bridge Express (Miss H Pavey, 10-1); 2, Chilfinch; 3, In Reserve. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Kings Gunner (Miss S Vickery, 7-2); 2, Vareck II; 3, Majestic Spider. 7 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Grey Gypsy (T Lacey, 14-1); 2, Badher; 3, Skipping Gale. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Aherlow Glen (D Pipe, 4-6 fav); 2, Otsbari; 3, Bitofadifference. 9 ran. PPOA: 1, Sonofagipsy (M Felton, 6-4 jt fav); 2, Kabartaylor; only 2 fin. 5 ran. Mdn: 1, Island Forest (P King, 7-4 fav); 2, General Moss; 3, Algaihabana. 8 ran.

'Annual invasion gathers pace for Cheltenham's great festival

MARC ASPLAND



Reach for the star: Desert Orchid greeted by his admirers at Cheltenham yesterday

:sert Orchid leads equine parade

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n invasion will today and Chel- its with appre- ide the elegant of the Queen's Hotel, an annual ritual will take place. Every expensive painting will be removed from the walls and the plush furniture in restaurant and bar will be replaced by picnic chairs. "Purely precautionary," says Giles Shaw, the general manager.

Ten years ago, 90 per cent of the Queen's rooms in festival week would be filled by Irish visitors. Now, says Shaw, it is nearer 50 per cent. The Irish still come in their thousands but many prefer to stay out of a town which has not always appreciated their high spirits.

Nowadays, Cheltenham might be glad of them, for the old image of monied gentility has been mislaid. Badly bruised by the recession, Cheltenham has suffered grievously from a spiralling crime rate and, one early evening last week, a student was stabbed to death in the High Street. It puts the good-natured chaos of the greatest racing festival into perspective.

It is not only from Ireland that they come. I once met an American who had made the pilgrimage for 20 years, the last five while terminally ill with cancer. "One more Cheltenham before I'm buried," he said indomitably every March.

The racecourse has a letter, postmarked Bagdhad, and sent in desperation by a British hostage. Brushing aside his plight to concentrate on matters of real importance, he wondered if his usual festival badges could be reserved until he was able to pay for them?

This year, those not among the 80,000 who have booked in advance, will pay £50 a day for a club badge. Not cheap, especially if you live in style for the week on one of the £500 per room packages, or if you fall victim to hotel bandits.

Peter Rollins, the Irishman in charge of Cheltenham's tourist bureau, will work late tonight. "There are always those who arrive with nowhere to stay," he says. Rollins glumly admits there were years when overbooked hotels charged such people £50 to sleep in a bath. "It happened," he says. "We hope it can't happen now."

Among those guaranteed a bed, rather than a bath, are the 30 French people who will arrive, waving Tricolors, to cheer on the Gold Cup favourite, The Fellow. It is the sort of internationalism which appeals to Cheltenham's ringmaster, managing director Edward Gillespie.

Housed now in a plush new office block rather than the rabbit hutch of old, Gillespie is approaching his thirteenth festival with adrenalin pumping the same as ever, whether he is tackling the problems of a tented village serving 10,000 each day or advising one of many naive callers that it would be better if they did not bring their pet dogs or wear morning dress.

Cheltenham will turn over £4 million this week. About 115,000 people will watch the event and 3,200 will work at it. Gillespie oversees them all. "Occasionally I tell myself it is time I did something different," he says. "But I know I would miss this too much."

Nap: Poacher's Delight (3.50 Taunton)

Next best: Knockumshin (4.20 Taunton)

Lord Relic is popular choice to vindicate tall reputation

Richard Evans, racing correspondent, asks leading trainers and jockeys to select a nap and next best at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival, which commences tomorrow

TRAINERS

DAVID ELSWORTH: Nap: Hawthorn Blaze (Cathcart Chase or Mildmay of Flete). "He was the best horse I have ever trained or, should I say, the best horse ever taken away from me." **Next best: Another Coral** (Gold Cup). "He is great round Cheltenham. He will relish the likely fast ground and there is no better man in the saddle than Richard Dunwoody."

NICKY HENDERSON: Nap: Lord Relic (Sun Alliance Hurdle). "He has been impressive and will go a good gallop. I don't think we will get anywhere near him." **Next best: Young Hustler** (Sun Alliance Chase). "He has been consistent all year and likes the ground."

HENRIETTA KNIGHT: Nap: Vintage Crop (Champion Hurdle). "He is a classy horse who will go on the ground. If he jumps he has an outstanding chance." **Next best: High Baron** (County Hurdle). "I have been impressed every time I have seen him run."

DAVID NICHOLSON: Nap: Baydon Star (Stayers' Hurdle). "I think he has come right at the perfect time and has not had a particularly busy season." **Next best: Viking Flagship** (Grand Annual Chase). "I think he is well handicapped."

MARY REVELEY: Nap: Sybillin (Arkle Chase). "All the form points to him." **Next best: Lord Relic.** "He has been most impressive."

ANDY TURNELL: Nap: The Fellow (Gold Cup). "The ground will be right for him and he is better than our chasers." **Next best: Country Member** (Ritz Club Chase). "The ground will suit him and this race has been his objective since Christmas."

NIGEL TWISTON-DAVIES: Nap: Young Hustler. "None of the others have done what he has done this year." **Next best: Baydon Star.** "He won well at Kempton recently and will like the ground."

JOCKEYS

RICHARD DUNWOODY: Nap: The Fellow. "He has the form and is the one we all have to beat." **Next best: Baydon Star.** "The ground is in his favour and he should get the trip well."

SIMON McNEILL: Nap: Docklands Express (Gold Cup). "He is lightly raced and ran a cracking race last time under 12 stone. The ground will suit him even more than last year." **Next best: Country Member.** "He loves the ground, looks very well and this has been the target all season. The race does not look as hot as usual."

McNeill: likes Docklands Express in Gold Cup

CARL LLEWELLYN: Nap: Lord Relic. "If he is right, it doesn't matter whether he jumps or not, he will win. I was second to him at Newbury on Gaelstrom and to do what he did, and not jump particularly well, makes him some machine." **Next best: Tipping Tim** (Gold Cup). "He has a great chance. He has recovered from some pulled muscles and has worked well during the past two weeks."

ADRIAN MAGUIRE: Nap: The Fellow. "He is a short price but I think he has to win it." **Next best: Waterloo Boy** (Queen Mother Chase). "Richard Dunwoody has a good understanding with him and no one knows Cheltenham better than Dunwoody."

GRAHAM McCOURT: Nap: Katabatic (Queen Mother Chase). "He has had a proper preparation this year and on his day is a very good horse." **Next best: Sybillin.** "He has done nothing wrong and is one of the better hurdlers to have taken to fences."

MARK DWYER: Nap: Sybillin. "He has an outstanding chance. He has done nothing wrong and the fast ground will not bother him." **Next best: Jodami** (Gold Cup). "He has got a great chance. He too has done nothing wrong and is in good form. He would prefer some rain but I am very happy with him."

JAMIE OSBORNE: Nap: Docklands Express. "He is very well and in good form." **Next best: Flown** (Champion Hurdle). "He will love the ground and a reproduction of his run in last year's Supreme Novices' could be good enough."

PETER SCUDAMORE: Nap: Claxton Greene (NH Amateur Chase). "I won a four-mile race on him last month and he has begun to improve." **Next best: The Fellow.** "He stands out."

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RYMAN II JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
2m) (9 runners)

EKO 34 (B,D,G) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-5 ____ M Dwyer 97
RY 24 (Lady Anne Bentinck) J Bottomley 10-12 ____ J J Quinn 85
TCHER'S BOUNTY 170F (P Willis) Mrs M Reveley 10-12 ____ P Niven —
H MIND 11 (J Wilson) Miss L Siddall 10-12 ____ L Wyer ⑩
G'S GUEST 5 (Gray, Goody, Brown Partnership) G Moore 10-12 ____ N Bentley (3) 77
VER DUCKETT 38 (Lord Zetland) P Calver 10-12 ____ T Reed 70
TER BUSH 12 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 10-12 ____ D Towler (7) 87
TTER STILL 17F (Mrs J Turpin) P Haslam 10-7 ____ J Callaghan —
S NORMAN 23 (B) (M Flint) A Potts 10-7 ____ T Potts —

Mind, 7-2 Gaveko, 11-2 Otter Bush, 6-1 Erhy, 7-1 King's Guest, 10-1 Oliver Duckett, 12-1 1-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

rt effort when beating Great Max wcastle (2m 110yd, good) nov- best recent effort when 6½l 3rd rder in novice hurdle over course soft). HIGH MIND 8l 2nd of 18 novice hurdle over course and a penultimate start with KING'S 12th. KING'S GUEST 13l 5th of 16 to Imbolep in novice hurdle over course and distance (good). OTTER BUSH 14l 5th of 12 to Bramblebeery in Wetherby (2m, good to soft) novice hurdle. MRS NORMAN 50l 9th of 11 to Belton in Nottingham (2m, good to firm) novice hurdle. FLETCHER'S BOUNTY showed some form over 6f in Ireland last year.
Selection: GAVEKO

AL NOVICES CHASE (£2,193: 3m 1f 110yd) (4 runners)

AWKAS 18 (C,G,S) (C MacMillan) G Moore 8-11-10 ____ J Callaghan 83
SHERMAGO 72 (F,G) (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 11-11-5 ____ R Hodge 71
BEYOND REASON 10 (B,S) (Miss J Reed) G Richards 7-11-3 ____ N Doughty ⑩
SANDSTONE ARCH 7 (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 10-11-3 ____ Pat Caldwell —

eyond Reason, 5-2 Awkas, 7-1 Shermago, 10-1 Sandstone Arch.

FORM FOCUS

ent effort when beating Jimmy Mac 4-runner novice chase here (2m. 30 53l 7th of 14 to Candy Tuff in d) novice chase. Best Mister Tuttle Carlisle (3m, good to firm) novice mber. BEYOND REASON 2l 2nd of 9 to Piper O'Drummond in Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good) novice chase. SANDSTONE ARCH close 2nd when unseating his rider 4 out in novice chase won by Over The Stream at Doncaster (3m, firm).
Selection: BEYOND REASON (nap)

CREDIT CALL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
n) (13 runners)

MOWTHORPE 30 (D,F,G) (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 8-11-10 ____ L Wyer 88
STYLISH GENT 18 (CD,F,G) (G Rappiot) J Birkett 6-11-8 ____ D Barry (7) 97
LOXLEY RANGE 41 (V,CD,S) (Miss C Brennan) O Brennan 5-11-2 ____ M Brennan 95
A GENTLEMAN TWO 51 (G) (Ribbleas Rock Asphalt Ltd) J Eyre 7-11-1 ____ C Grant 98
DAMART 18 (CD,F,G,S) (J Price) Miss L Siddall 9-11-1 ____ P Niven 91
DELPIOMBO 94 (P Coulter) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-0 ____ M Dwyer 92
KIRSTENBOSCH 6 (Mrs B Lungo) L Lungo 6-10-10 ____ F Perratt (7) ⑩
COUGAR 24 (Scotnorth Racing Ltd) Mrs S Austin 7-10-7 ____ D Wilkinson 93
F BREAKING DAWN 4 (G) (N Mason) N Mason 8-10-4 ____ K Jones 93
U NIPPER SMITH 8 (B,CD,S) (J Skelton) J Skelton 10-10-0 ____ Mr D Parker (7) —
LAW CHAMBERS 294 (B) (Mrs E Haley) P Haley 6-10-0 ____ Mr W Burnell (7) —
0 BELJA FLOR 33 (M Venus) F Jordan 6-10-0 ____ J Lodder —
4 QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE 25 (R Bezzler) Mrs P Sly 5-10-0 ____ A Carroll 91

p: Nipper Smith 9-12, Law Chambers 9-11, Belja Flor 9-10, Quietly Impressive 8-13.

-4 Kirstenbosch, 7-2 Delpiombo, 6-1 Mowthorpe, 7-1 Loxley Range, 8-1 Cougar, Damart, 10-1 A n, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MOWTHORPE 43l 8th of 18 to Teenage Scribbler in selling hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). LOXLEY RANGE beat Valgly Mason 3l in 18-runner selling handicap hurdle over course and distance with DAMART (18lb better off) 28l 9th and A GENTLEMAN TWO 14l 16th. DELPIOMBO 4½l 3rd of 14 to Ellie Rep in Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) novice handicap hurdle. KIRSTENBOSCH 11½l 2nd of 14 to Millyel in Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good) conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle with NIPPER SMITH 42l 12th. COUGAR best recent effort when 11l 4th of 18 to Ragtime Cowboy Joe in Southwell (AW, 2m 4f) claiming hurdle. QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE 15l 4th of 8 to Stan's Joe in Leicester (2m, good to soft) claiming hurdle.
Selection: DELPIOMBO

3.40 ARTHUR STEPHENSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,635: 3m 1f 110yd) (3 runners)

1 33P112 DECENT MAN 5 (D,BF,G,S) (J Read) P Beaumont 10-11-10 ____ C Hawkins 92
2 11U633 MASTER CORNET 23 (B,CD,F,G) (R Botwell) B Rothwell 8-11-4 ____ M Dwyer 93
3 F-42554 MOUNTEBOR 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Turpin) P Haslam 9-11-3 ____ J Callaghan ⑩

BETTING: 5-4 Decent Man, 7-4 Master Cornet, 9-4 Mountebor.

FORM FOCUS

DECENT MAN 1½l 2nd of 5 to Lady Token in handicap chase over course and distance (good). Previously completed double with ¼l defeat of Fighting Jessica in 7-runner Market Rasen (3m 1f, good) handicap chase. MASTER CORNET 20l 3rd of 7 to Mushtaweswig in Nottingham (3m 110yd, good) handicap chase. MOUNTEBOR 16½l 4th of 6 to Rocktor in Ludlow (3m, good to firm) handicap chase. Better effort when previously 11½l 5th of 15 to High Padre in Nottingham (3m 110yd, good to soft) handicap chase.
Selection: DECENT MAN

4.10 NEVILLE CRUMP CLAIMING CHASE (£2,385: 2m 3f) (6 runners)

1 207353 RINGMORE 4 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Askew) J Parkes 11-11-6 ____ N Smith 95
2 450606 AFRICAN SAFARI 6 (F) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 9-11-4 ____ J Callaghan 91
3 400PP0 DIRECT INTEREST 4 (B,F,G,S) (J Blanch) Denys Smith 10-11-4 ____ P Waggott (5) 92
4 3831/6P DARK EMPEROR 53 (F,S) (Mrs E Stack) Mrs E Stack 12-11-2 ____ K Johnson —
5 P-U1F56 VULRORY'S CLOWN 94 (F,G,S) (O Brennan) O Brennan 15-11-2 ____ M Brennan ⑩
6 5P5-00 SCALLY'S LADY 26 (S Pittendrigh) S Pittendrigh 8-11-1 ____ Mr S Pittendrigh (7) 75

BETTING: 5-4 Vulrory's Clown, 7-4 Ringmore, 8-1 African Safari, 8-1 Direct Interest, 10-1 Scally's Lady, 20-1 Dark Emperor.

FORM FOCUS

RINGMORE 7l 3rd of 11 to Night Guest in Carlisle (2m, good to firm) claiming chase with DIRECT INTEREST (2lb better off) 21l 7th. DARK EMPEROR beat Ryton Run 12l in 4-runner Cartmel (2m 1f, good to firm) novice chase in May 1991. No form on two starts this term. VULRORY'S CLOWN 14½l 6th of 17 to Castle King in Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good) handicap chase. Previously 5l 3rd of 12 to Delgany Run in Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) handicap chase.
Selection: VULRORY'S CLOWN

4.40 THINKER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,687: 3m 1f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 3-42215 KING OF STEEL 34 (CD,BF,S) (J Johnson) M Hammond 7-11-10 ____ D Bentley (5) 94
2 0-52P14 BALLOO HOUSE 12 (V,CD,F,G) (R Bezzler) Mrs P Sly 8-11-8 ____ A Carroll ⑩
3 /00F00 ANOTHER EARL 6 (M Ando) E Weymes 9-10-0 ____ S Lyons (5) 96
4 00P0P0 GOODHEAVENS MRTONY 6 (D Davies) M Naughton 6-10-0 ____ J Davies (7) —

Long handicap: Another Earl 9-12, Goodheavens Mrtony 9-1.

BETTING: 5-4 Balloo House, 11-8 King Of Steel, 9-2 Another Earl, 25-1 Goodheavens Mrtony.

FORM FOCUS

KING OF STEEL 29½l 5th of 14 to Tindari in Carlisle (3m 110yd, good) conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle. Better effort previously when beating BALLOO HOUSE (1lb better off) 8l in 12-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (soft).
BALLOO HOUSE 21½l 4th of 13 to Altadale in Wetherby (3m 1f, good to soft) novice handicap hurdle. Previously beat Bishop's Tipple 2½l in 11-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good). ANOTHER EARL 27l 9th of 14 to Millyel in Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good) selling handicap hurdle. GOODHEAVENS MRTONY beaten over 42l when last of 15 to Temple Garth in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 5f 110yd, good).
Selection: KING OF STEEL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs M Reveley	23	87	26.4	R Hodge	9	34	26.5
G Richards	19	88	21.6	M Dwyer	28	111	25.2
Jimmy Fitzgerald	21	102	20.6	N Doughty	16	69	23.2
M Hammond	7	43	16.3	P Niven	18	104	17.3
G Moore	11	82	13.4	M Brennan	6	42	14.3
Only qualifiers				J Callaghan	10	75	13.3

Barbury Castle improves viewing

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

BARBURY Castle, the most southerly of five courses being considered for the projected point-to-point festival next season, had improved viewing for the Avon Vale meeting on Saturday.

With the car park now moved away from the winning post, everything can be seen from the main arena without having to cross the course. Minor criticisms of this superb venue still remain. The fences appear to be too soft, the toilet facilities difficult to find and inadequate and the mile long, worn-out concrete approach road limits the speed of access and departure to little more than a crawl.

Before rushing off to Sandown to saddle Spinning, third in the Imperial Cup, Ian Balding was present to see his 20-year-old son, Andrew, win a division of the BFSS novice riders' race on Pick Roundstone. A £1,500 purchase out of Josh Gifford's yard as a schoolmaster — "I learnt later that many jockeys didn't think much of that idea," Ian Balding said.

Pick Roundstone was made favourite on his point-to-point debut. He won easily enough in the end, but backers had their hearts in their mouths as his rider had to make a miraculous recovery after a mistake five out.

In the open, Chris Jowett also did well on two counts. On Ruby Flame, owned by his grandmother, Betty Hick, he first stole a march by poaching a long lead over his rivals, which included the odds-on favourite Friendly Lady, and then held on well to win despite losing a stirrup at the second-last.

Results, see facing page

JUMP LEADERS

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	137	94	72	1	-62.69
P Scudamore	118	67	43	0	-4.31
A Maguire	93	86	72	1	-12.61
P Niven	87	46	35	0	+79.54
J Osborne	67	49	47	6	-22.82
G McCourt	58	47	48	4	-24.33
M Dwyer	52	48	36	2	-66.62
C Llewellyn	52	36	38	0	+61.96
N Doughty	51	30	26	3	-25.08

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	146	84	71	1	-27.63
D Nicholson	84	54	34	1	+178.71
G Richards	74	48	36	2	-39.09
Mrs M Reveley	72	44	38	3	-44.50
Jimmy Fitzgerald	50	41	30	2	-1.60
N Twiston-Davies	50	33	27	4	+28.85
M Hammond	41	36	27	3	-34.07
N Henderson	40	31	20	3	-45.15
J Gifford	37	34	30	4	-36.86

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Just. 2.30 Gentleman Angler. 3.00 Blushing Belle. 3.30 Tryumphant Lad. 4.00 JINGA (nap). 4.30 Gabish.
Brian Beel: 3.30 Tryumphant Lad.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.00 ARDINGLY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,475: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

1 363P JUST 9 (V,D,BF,S) M Pipe 7-11-8 ____ M Foster
2 3315 ROGER'S PAL 7 (CD,G) A Moore 6-11-8 ____ G Moore
3 PRU- NORHAM CASTLE 371 R Ledger 10-11-2 ____ Mrs N Ledger
4 P CHICKAMACHE 25 R Hodges 5-11-2 ____ T Thompson (7)
5 U242 MAMALAMA 14 J Bridger 5-10-11 ____ Rachel Bridger (7)
6 3655 RIVE-JUMELLE 26 J Jenkins 5-10-11 ____ R Dunwoody
7 BABY WIZZARD 16F R Rowe 4-10-3 ____ A Maguire

2-1 Mamalama, 9-4 Just, 5-2 Rive-Jumelle, 6-1 Baby Wizzard, 8-1 others.

2.30 WIVELSFIELD NOVICES CHASE
(£2,119: 2m 5f) (8)

1 1P44 SHANAGHEY WEST 4 (V,G,S) J Jenkins 9-11-10 ____ G Bradley
2 112/ GENTLEMAN ANGLER 658 (F) S Sherwood 10-11-4 ____ G Upton
3 P00P MERANDI SPECIAL 68 (F) R Stone 6-11-4 ____ S Hodgson
4 P-PP NOM DE FORT 13 B Spicer 8-11-4 ____ J Ryan
5 5PFP RIVER FLY 33 J White 8-11-4 ____ N Williamson
6 -P24 SHARPRIDGE 138 Mrs J Pitman 9-11-4 ____ B de Haan
7 002P MILLIE BELLE 10 (F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-13 ____ A Maguire
8 P00 FULL OF TRICKS 14 M Madgwick 5-10-9 ____ T Grantham

7-4 Sharpridge, 5-2 Shanaghey West, 7-2 Millie Belle, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 14 from 37, 37.8%; W Wightman, 3 from 8, 37.5%, J White, 26 from 112, 23.2%, M Pipe, 9 from 41, 22.0%. M Haynes, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; G Bradley, 6 from 23, 26.1%; A Maguire, 16 from 64, 25.0%; R Dunwoody, 23 from 97, 23.7%; M Perrett, 14 from 81, 17.3%; D O'Sullivan, 7 from 44, 15.9%.

3.00 UCKFIELD SELLING HURDLE
(£1,631: 2m 1f) (8)

1 4351 PLEASE PLEASE ME 11 (D,F,G) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-10 ____ D O'Sullivan (3)
2 54P6 TAPESTRY DANCER 24 (G) M Haynes 5-11-9 ____ M Perrett
3 P001 BLUSHING BELLE 27 (B) J White 5-11-4 ____ A Maguire
4 6 BEATLE SONG 23 R Hodges 5-10-12 ____ T Thompson (7)
5 0300 CHINAMAN 18 (B) W Wightman 4-10-9 ____ A Procter (5)
6 6P CLAIR SOLEIL 42 A Moore 4-10-9 ____ G Moore
7 P0 THREEBUCK CREEK 7 R Ingram 4-10-9 ____ S Arnold (7)
8 P05P WAYWARD SON 18F (B) J Bridger 4-10-9 ____ A Madgwick (7)

4-5 Blushing Belle, 4-1 Please Please Me, 6-1 Beatle Song, 8-1 Tapestry Dancer, 12-1 Chinaman, Wayward Son, 16-1 others.

3.30 CLAPPER CHALLENGE CUP HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £962: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 /1-3 TRYUMPHANT LAD 38 (D,S) M Deasley 9-12-5 ____ S Deasley (7)
2 P/2- CHELSEA MAN 523 (B,F,S) M Ashton 12-12-0 ____ R Arnison (7)
3 6P/0 GROUSE MOOR 13 R Collier 14-12-0 ____ J Bennett (7)
4 506- NOMELAP 506 J Poulton 8-12-0 ____ C Gordon (7)
5 1P-P PALMER'S GOLD 149 (F) B Howard 12-12-0 ____ G Brown (7)

3-1 Tryumphant Lad, 9-4 Nomelap, 4-1 Chelsea Man, Palmer's Gold, 10-1 Grouse Moor.

4.00 DON BUTCHERS CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,780: 2m 4f) (6)

1 633- MAJOR INQUIRY 392 (F,G) D Elsworth 7-12-0 ____ A Procter (5)
2 -B51 JINGA 14 (CD,G) Lady Herries 8-10-8 ____ E Murphy
3 -0P5 SMARTIE LEE 39 (D,G) P Cole 6-10-0 ____ M Perrett
4 1052 MANHATTAN BOY 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 11-10-0 ____ A Maguire
5 46-P QUAI D'ORSAY 14 (CD,F,G,S) F O'Mahony 8-10-0 R Farrant (5)
6 0325 SHARPGUN 26 (G,S) A Moore 7-10-0 ____ G Moore

2-1 Major Inquiry, 5-2 Jinga, 3-1 Manhattan Boy, 8-1 Sharpgun, 10-1 Smartie Lee, 12-1 Quay D'Orsay

4.30 BOLNEY HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,175: 2m 5f) (3)

1 6004 RUN TO FORM 34 (B,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0 ____ B de Haan
2 4244 GABISH 133 (C,BF,F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-10-4 ____ A Maguire
3 6-5P THE FRUIT 18 (C,F,G) R Ledger 14-10-1 ____ Mrs N Ledger

1-2 Gabish, 7-4 Run To Form, 10-1 The Fruit.

TAUNTON

THUNDERER
2.20 Land Of The Free. 2.50 Aldington Bell. 3.20 Hold Fast. 3.50 Poacher's Delight. 4.20 Run Fast For Gold. 4.50 Curaheen Boy. 5.20 Sand-Dollar.
Brian Beel: 4.50 Curaheen Boy.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.20 MARCH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,595: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

1 1134 LAND OF THE FREE 9 (C,S) M Pipe 11-7 ____ P Scudamore
2 BRIMPTON BERTIE 503F D Chappell 10-12 ____ J Railton
3 4 CONSTRUCTIVIST 9 M Barraclough 10-12 ____ S McNeill
4 4344 ROCK HARD 28 William Price 10-12 ____ M A Fitzgerald
5 0P BELLA RUN 45 (B) R Hodges 10-7 ____ W Irvine
6 6F EURIDICE 12 W G M Turner 10-7 ____ John McCabe (7)
7 0 MOON SPIN 18 W Hern 10-7 ____ C Llewellyn

4-5 Land Of The Free, 7-2 Moon Spin, 7-1 Rock Hard, 8-1 Euridice, 12-1 Constructivist, 20-1 Bella Run, 25-1 Brimpton Bertie.

2.50 SHELDON CLAIMING CHASE
(£1,840: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 P543 RECIDIVIST 47 (B,F) R Hodges 7-11-7 ____ A Tory
2 P241 ALDINGTON BELL 9 (B,D,F) C Trietline 10-11-6 ____ D Bridgwater
3 /PPP MY CUP OF TEA 39 (CD,F,G) M Pipe 10-11-4 ____ L Reynolds (7)
4 -526 RONOCCO 138 (D,F) Mrs S Williams 11-11-4 ____ S McNeill
5 0456 WICKFIELD LAD 17 D Deacon 10-11-0 ____ W Marston (3)
6 6P40 ZUMMERSET 17 (B,CD,F,G,S) A Barrow 11-11-0 ____ S Burrough

4-5 Aldington Bell, 3-1 Ronocco, 5-1 My Cup Of Tea, 8-1 Zummerset, 12-1 Recidivist, 20-1 Wickfield Lad.

3.20 BATHPOOL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,721: 2m 1f) (13)

1 0P AMBASSADOR ROYALE 28 D R Tucker 5-11-3 ____ N Hawke
2 00P GREY ILLUSIONS 27 C Popham 5-11-3 ____ A Webb
3 P6 HOLD FAST 11 C Nash 5-11-3 ____ J R Kavanagh
4 PP VERMONT MAGIC 89F M Pipe 5-11-3 ____ J Lower
5 -PP0 BOLT OF GOLD 11 L Waring 5-10-12 ____ J A Harris
6 0660 CLEAR COMEDY 25 R Frost 5-10-12 ____ R Darke (7)
7 3P0F MARY'S MUSIC 32 Mrs J Dawe 5-10-12 ____ D Salter (7)
8 P5 PRIORY PIPER 13 J Pickering 4-10-9 ____ D Bridgwater
9 F00 RED SOMBRERO 9 R Brotherton 4-10-9 ____ D Meredith (3)
10 004 HANDY LASS 27 Mrs A Knight 4-10-4 ____ S McNeill
11 005 LAGATURINE LADY 8 M Charles 4-10-4 ____ Mr S Joynes (7)
12 P QUALITAIR IDOL 21F Mrs A Knight 4-10-4 ____ W Sterry (7)
13 3366 RIVER ORCHID 27 P Nicholls 4-10-4 ____ M A Fitzgerald

7-2 River Orchid, 4-1 Mary's Music, 5-1 Handy Lass, 6-1 Vermont Magic, 8-1 Hold Fast, 10-1 Lagaturine Lady, 12-1 others.

3.50 ROYAL BATH AND WEST NOVICES CHASE
(£2,476: 3m) (10)

1 PU5U CEDARS ROSSLARE 7 R Frost 8-11-4 ____ R Darke (7)
2 F222 CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 7 (BF,G,S) Mrs J Retter 7-11-4 ____ M A Fitzgerald
3 -FPP DUNKERY BEACON 37 H Howe 7-11-4 ____ W McFarland
4 /006 KERRYS EYE 10 P Radford 9-11-4 ____ I Shoemark
5 005P MEDROMHEIRA 13 R Hodges 8-11-4 ____ W Irvine
6 3-50 POACHER'S DELIGHT 70 (G) M Pipe 7-11-4 ____ D Richmond (5)
7 46-P RATHER SHARP 87 C Popham 7-11-4 ____ A Webb
8 FP3F SAM PEPPER 27 Mrs S Farr 7-11-4 ____ S Mackey
9 F422 TUFFNUT GEORGE 13 (V) J Pickering 6-11-4 ____ D Bridgwater
10 P04 LUCKY MAY 13 Mrs J Dawe 6-10-13 ____ N Dawe

2-1 Poacher's Delight, 3-1 Crystal Heights, 7-2 Tuffnut George, 8-1 Sam Pepper, 10-1 Rather Sharp, 14-1 Cedars Rosslare, 16-1 others.

4.20 WIDCOMBE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,637: 2m 1f) (6)

1 -4P6 ALLYFAIR 32 Mrs J Retter 8-11-10 ____ M A Fitzgerald
2 1065 KEY DEAR 34 (B,CD,BF,F) P Nicholls 6-10-13 ____ M Hourigan (3)
3 F601 RUN FAST FOR GOLD 13 (CD,F) G Balding 6-10-12 B Clifford (3)
4 4P00 ALDINGTON MILLPOND 41 C Trietline 5-10-9 ____ D Bridgwater
5 P560 THE HOLY GOLFER 61 D Gandolfo 6-10-5 ____ P Holley
6 P-00 LAVALIGHT 109 R Hodges 6-10-0 ____ I Lawrence

5-4 Run Fast For Gold, 5-2 Key Dear, 5-1 Allyfair, 10-1 Aldington Millpond, 16-1 The Holy Golfer, 20-1 Lavalight.

4.50 MITFORD SLADE CHALLENGE TROPHY HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £822: 3m) (10)

1 2221 CURAHEEN BOY 7 (D,F,G) C Trietline 13-12-7 Miss J Butler (7)
2 -44F EASTER LEE 187 (F,G) J Dufosee 13-12-7 ____ P Hacking (3)
3 11-2 KNOCKUMSHIN 9 (F,G,S) S Smith 10-12-7 ____ T Byrne (7)
4 36-5 BARTRES 17 (D,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 14-12-5 ____ J Durkan (3)
5 6504- AHERLOW 305 (D,G,S) G Humphrey 13-12-0 ____ C Bennett (7)
6 P35- BEECH GROVE 320 (S) Miss C Gordon 12-12-0 ____ M Felton (7)
7 P-PU COMEDY BASIN 3 (D,F) A Sims 10-12-0 ____ Capt R Inglesant (7)
8 2PF0- FLOOD MARK 480 R Ford 9-12-0 ____ S Mulcaire (7)
9 PF- MENDIP MUSIC 314 Mrs G Lane 9-12-0 ____ R Treloggen (5)
10 0/4F- YOU'LL DO 311 J Symes 10-12-0 ____ I Dowrick (7)

2-1 Curaheen Boy, 5-2 Knockumshin, 5-1 Beech Grove, 10-1 Aherlow, Easter Lee, Mendip Music, 12-1 Bartres, 20-1 others.

5.20 SHEPTON MALLET HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,903: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)

1 4536 SAND-DOLLAR 25 (CD,BF,F,G) J Old 10-12-0 ____ S McNeill
2 1110 HIGHLAND SPIRIT 16 (CD,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-9 ____ P Scudamore
3 0-5U THE BLUE BOY 9 (F,G) Mrs J Retter 5-11-9 ____ M A Fitzgerald
4 41/P STRAIGHT GOLD 61 (F,S) T Hallett 8-10-6 ____ S Burrough
5 0-06 DESERT PALM 13 (C,F,G) R Hodges 8-10-0 ____ A Tory
6 4535 CAROMANDOO 9 (V,G,S) A Barrow 5-10-0 ____ Peter Hobbs
7 0F-6 JET 27 (B) C Popham 7-10-0 ____ A Webb
8 5304 KALAMOSS 4 N Mitchell 4-10-0 ____ Miss S Mitchell (7)
9 -4P3 SNOOKER TABLE 27 (F,G) Mrs J Wonnacott 10-10-0 D Gallagher

6-4 Highland Spirit, 3-1 Sand-Dollar, 5-1 Caromandoo, 8-1 The Blue Boy, 12-1 Desert Palm, 16-1 Jet, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 54 winners from 186 runners, 29.0%; J Old, 5 from 19, 26.3%; Mrs J Retter, 9 from 50, 18.0%; D Murray Smith, 3 from 17, 17.6%; Mrs S Williams, 3 from 17, 17.6%; C Popham, 14 from 100, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 36 winners from 93 rides, 38.7%; J R Kavanagh, 3 from 8, 37.5%; D Salter, 4 from 12, 33.3%; M Hourigan, 3 from 11, 27.3%; P Holley, 7 from 34, 20.6%; J Lower, 7 from 41, 17.1%.

☐ Trainer Ron O'Leary and jockey Keith Davies were reported to the Jockey Club after Very Evident was pulled up at Southwell on Saturday.

own Park

(M Perrett, 2-1); 2, Sparkling Sunset (8-11 fav); 3, Cleeveland Lady (15-2). 4 ran. 1½l, 15l. G Harwood. Tote: £2.80. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.58.

4 110yd ch) 1, Springholm (Mr J Digby, 7-4 fav); 2, They All e (15-8); 3, Arran King (2-1). 3 1½l D Nicholson. Tote: £2.50.) CSF: £4.47.

110yd hdle) 1, Pontoon Bridge

3.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Macedonas (Mr G Lewis, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Alreef (3-1); 3, Chantry Bartle (9-4 jt-fav). 7 ran. NR: Martha's Son. 10l, 12l. T Casey. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £5.60. CSF: £8.56. Tricast: £12.43.

3.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Rowlandsons Jewels (D Gallagher, 9-4); 2, Espy (5-4 fav); 3, Camden Belle (33-1). 6 ran. NR: Wont Be Gone Long. 1l, 30l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.15.

4.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Olympian (P Scudamore, 5-4 fav); 2, Gymcrak Stardom (9-1); 3, Spinning (11-2). 15 ran. NR: Martin Dancer. 3l, ¾l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £2.60, £2.50. DF: £14.30. Trio: £23.60. CSF: £15.62 Tricast: £59.76.

4.40 (2m ch) 1, Pats Minstrel (M A Fitzgerald, 8-1); 2, Mulbank (11-10 fav); 3, Scotoni (13-8). 5 ran. 3l, 8l. R Champion. Tote: £8.20; £2.00, £1.20. DF: £5.10. CSF: £16.46.

5.10 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Emperor Buck (Mr T Jenks, 2-1 fav); 2, Spirit In The Nile (5-1); 3, Vital Wonder (9-2). 18 ran. NR: Fire And Reign, Policemans Pride. 3½l, 8l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £9.00. CSF: £13.78.

Jackpot: £4,751.70.

Placepot: £85.70.

Chepstow

1.00 1, Bo Knows Best (9-1); 2, Zamirah (2-5 fav); 3, Nadjati (16-1). 7 ran.

1.30 1, Pims Gunner (9-2); 2, French Charmer (9-2); 3, Killdmartin (100-1). Flash-thecash 11-8 fav. 7 ran.

2.00 1, Winter Squall (5-4 fav); 2, Pharly Story (11-2); 3, River Island (25-1). 8 ran.

2.30 1, Panto Prince (15-8); 2, Little Tom (7-2); 3, Takemethere (7-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Sirrah-Jay.

3.00 1, Fenton Bridge (12-1); 2, Father Dowling (9-4); 3, Sheston (15-8 fav). 5 ran.

3.30 1, Crystal Bear (5-2); 2, The Black Monk (10-11 fav); 3, Authorship (6-1). 5 ran. NR: Skittle Alley.

Wolverhampton

2.20 1, Scrutineer (6-5 fav); 2, Sabjer (9-2); 3, Eid (2-1). 9 ran. NR: Laurel Connection.

2.50 1, Quiet Dawn (13-2); 2, Needwood Poppy (6-1); 3, Grain Merchant (20-1). Autonomous 3-1 fav. 10 ran.

3.20 1, Sidinghill (4-1); 2, Red Rondo (7-2); 3, Meningi (16-1). Nathan Blake 3-1 fav. 8 ran.

3.50 1, Big Diamond (6-1); 2, Edward Seymour (16-1); 3, Band Of Hope (11-2). What If 13-8 fav. 11 ran.

4.20 1, Bobby Socks (7-1); 2, Proctors Row (4-1); 3, Crafty Chaplain (25-1). Fine Harvest 11-4 fav. 9 ran.

4.50 1, Needwood Sprite (11-4 jt-fav); 2, Classic Statement (7-1); 3, Crazy Horse Dancer (8-1). Stage Player 11-4 jt-fav. 7 ran.

Ayr

2.10 1, Mr Five Wood (9-4 jt-fav); 2, The Titan Ghost (7-1); 3, Barvie House (9-4 jt-fav). 20 ran.

2.40 1, Dante's Inferno (8-11 fav); 2, Algari (11-1); 3, Houghton (7-4). 5 ran.

3.10 1, Bold Boss (1-4 fav); 2, Kalko (8-1); 3, Montrave (66-1). 6 ran.

3.40 1, Wreklin Hill (10-1); 2, Radical Lady (8-1); 3, Real Class (9-4 jt-fav). Kinray's Boy 9-4 jt-fav. 5 ran.

4.15 1, Set The Standards (33-1); 2, Fistful Of Bucks (12-1); 3, The Green Fool (9-2). Dizzy 5-6 fav. 6 ran.

4.45 1, Clay County (8-13 fav), 2, Macarthur (3-1); 3, Clever Folly (4-1). 3 ran.

5.15 1, Herballist (11-10 fav); 2, Pirate Hook (16-1); 3, Seven Towers (9-2). 13 ran.

Southwell

2.25 1, In Truth (100-30); 2, Tempering (8-11 fav); 3, Evening Sunset (40-1). 8 ran.

2.55 1, Dragons Den (5-4 fav); 2, Counterbid (11-8); 3, Acertainhit (9-2). 4 ran.

3.25 1, Johnsted (1-3 fav); 2, Hello Sam (8-1). 5 ran (only two finished).

3.55 1, Secret Summit (13-2); 2, Old Eros (Evens fav); 3, Celtic Catch (20-1). 5 ran.

4.25 1, Mega Blue (4-1); 2, Simple Pleasure (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Logamimo (5-2 jt-fav). Kind'a Smart 5-2 jt-fav. 5 ran. NR: Golden Fleece.

4.55 1, Tareesh (5-2); 2, Knojohn (4-1); 3, Maureen's Fancy (50-1). Earlham 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

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Smith's century wasted as middle-order resistance melts in Colombo heat

England fail to drive home advantage

FROM PETER BALL IN COLOMBO

AFTER the disasters of India, England's batsmen partially recovered their equilibrium in Colombo over the weekend as Robin Smith led the way with an innings of 128 that occupied seven hours 27 minutes. But they may look back on the remainder of yesterday's play as a lost opportunity after another batting collapse undermined Smith's good work.

England were dominant when Smith was out after reaching his first Test century overseas and his eighth in all. He had shared century partnerships with Hick and Stewart. If he was rarely at his most fluent, the innings was a tribute to his stamina in enervating humidity.

There were few enough to witness it. Although 10,000 had turned out to see two schools matches in Colombo on Saturday, there is much less enthusiasm for Test cricket, particularly with live television coverage. There were only about 1,000 in the ground yesterday; a sizable British contingent in the stands while the locals sat under the trees on the grassy banks, a setting which evoked Canterbury or the Mote after the packed, noisy concrete bowls of India.

After Smith had put England in a position from which they could have made the *game safe, the last seven* wickets went down for 64 runs; the last five for 22.

Any suggestion of devil in the pitch was then removed as Sri Lanka reached 140 for one, with Mahanama batting with elegance and certainty.

There was little devil, either, in the Sri Lanka bowling. Although the two off spinners, Muralidharan and Warnaweera, bowled well, it is hard to imagine a more gentle Test attack. Ramanayake did little to justify his reputation as a seam bowler, apart from his opening spell on Saturday, when he removed the rusty Atherton and might have had Smith if there had been a third slip. Hathurusinghe and Gurusinha are the type of gentle trundlers who would cause few tremors in the Kent or Middlesex leagues, and Jayasuriya, the left-arm slow, is a batsman who bowls a bit.

That left Warnaweera and Muralitharan to shoulder the brunt of the attack, and how well *they responded.* Warnaweera, who runs in as if a fugitive from *Beau Geste* racing through the sand, bowls off cutters at a brisk pace. Muralitharan is more the classic off spinner, turning the ball sharply on occasion and flighting it pleasingly. But if both bowled well to claim four wickets apiece, they offered a much more limited diet than Kumble, Chauhan and Raju had provided.

Smith and Stewart began purposefully. The first milestone came as Smith reached his century; Stewart's fifty followed soon after, in two hours 21 minutes. The pair had put on 122, a new England fourth-wicket record against Sri Lanka, when Smith was beaten by flight and dragged on as he aimed to swing Muralitharan over mid-wicket from outside off stump.

Just before Smith departed, he had been surprised by a ball from Warnaweera that turned and lifted sharply off a length, and he just kept his involuntary jab down. When Warnaweera soon found the same spot again, Stewart was defeated, Tillekeratne picking up a straightforward catch at short leg.

If anything, those deliveries held promise rather than threat for England, providing they built on their position of strength. With the wicket wearing, a score of 450 would have looked impregnable if Tufnell and Emburey did their job.

At lunch, with the score 343 for five, Fairbrother and Lewis looked set but, thereafter, things began to go badly *wrong. Fairbrother played* across the line as he went to drive Warnaweera through the on side and was bowled through the gate. Emburey was dropped immediately at silly point and responded by adopting his "they shall not pass" stance, admirable enough when trying to hang on against Holding and Patterson but questionable tactics against two spinners when runs were needed.

Lewis was batting fluently until he late-cut Muralitharan. It was an easy three but Lewis, perhaps because he decided that he needed to keep the bowling, if runs were to be scored, refused the third. Emburey came anyway, ignoring Lewis's shouted no and, when Lewis finally bolted for the bowler's end, he was beaten by the wicketkeeper's throw.

Only Malcolm struck a couple of blows in defiance. At the end, Emburey had scored one run off 32 balls.

GRAHAM MORRIS

Throwing on the towel: Malcolm seeks relief from the heat in Colombo

COLOMBO SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
R A Smith b Muralitharan	128	-	20	448	338
Attempted pulled drive					
M A Atherton lbw b Ramanayake	13	-	1	68	47
Beaten off pitch					
M W Gatting c J'suriya b M'tharan	29	-	4	70	58
Pushed ball to short leg					
G A Hick c T'ilakratne b M'tharan	68	2	7	140	112
Bat-pad to short leg					
*†I A J Stewart c T'ratne b W'weera	63	-	10	189	121
Bat-pad to short leg					
N H Fairbrother b Warnaweera	18	-	2	63	39
Attempted stroke through mid-wicket					
C C Lewis run out (Jayasuriya-A de Silva-Muralitharan)	22	-	4	60	36
Attempted third run to third man					
J E Emburey not out	1	-	-	46	32
P W Jarvis lbw b Warnaweera	0	-	-	3	1
Beaten off pitch					
P C R Tufnell lbw b Muralitharan	1	-	-	5	5
Beaten by flight					
D E Malcolm c G'sinha b W'weera	13	2	-	11	8
Dollied to mid-wicket trying big hit					
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 1, nb 15)	24				
Total (561min, 130.1 overs)	380				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40 (Smith 20), 2-82 (Smith 32), 3-194 (Smith 69), 4-318 (Stewart 59), 5-323 (Fairbrother 2), 6-358 (Lewis 15), 7-366 (Emburey 1), 8-365 (Emburey 1), 9-367 (Emburey 1), 10-380 (Emburey 1).

BOWLING: Ramanayake 17-2-66-1 (nb 7) (10-2-26-1, 4-0-19-0, 3-0-21-0); Gurusinha 5-1-12-0 (w 1) (4-1-11-0, 1-0-1-0); Warnaweera 40.1-11-90-4 (nb 11) (7-3-6-0, 2-0-5-0, 3-0-7-0, 14-4-42-0, 1-0-1-0, 13.1-4-29-4); Hathurusinghe 8-2-22-0 (2-0-9-0, 6-2-13-0); Muralitharan 45-12-118-4 (14-2-36-1, 16-7-24-1, 3-0-12-0, 12-3-45-2); Jayasuriya 12-1-53-0 (6-0-31-0, 4-1-9-0, 2-0-13-0); Ranatunga 3-0-11-0 (one spell).

SRI LANKA: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
R Mahanama c Smith b Emburey	84	-	11	102	83
Mistimed big hit to silly point					
U C Hathurusinghe not out	53	-	7	165	122
A P Gurusinha not out	12	-	2	61	45
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 7)	11				
Total (1 wkt, 165min, 40 overs)	140				

P A de Silva, *A Ranatunga, H P Tillekeratne, S T Jayasuriya, †A M de Silva, C P H Ramanayake, M Muralitharan and K P J Warnaweera to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-99 (Hathurusinghe 28).

BOWLING: Malcolm 5-3-9-0, Jarvis 6-0-26-0 (nb2, w1); Lewis 5-0-18-0 (nb1); Tufnell 13-1-50-0 (nb6) (10-0-43-0, 3-1-7-0), Emburey 10-1-33-1 (nb1) (7-1-22-1 3-0-11-0), Hick 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: K T Francis and T M Samarasinghe.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ipswich secure first title with flourish

HOCKEY: A five-goal rout of lowly Wimbledon sealed the national women's league title for Ipswich in triumphant style yesterday, giving the *Suffolk* side the trophy for the first time and breaking Slough's stranglehold on the championship (Alix Ramsay writes).

In front of their biggest crowd, Ipswich laid on a stunning display. Knowing that they had to win to repel the challenge of Hightown and Slough, Ipswich looked determined, with Tracy Fry orchestrating most of the attacks. Passing neatly, Ipswich always had more imagination and goals from Fry and Lucy Youngs settled the nerves, creating a 2-0 cushion.

A deft lob from Helen Bray at a penalty corner made it 3-0 before Sandie Lister added another following the best move of the match. By then, Ipswich were enjoying themselves, and after Fry had initiated the move, Lister and Sarah Bamfield ran rings round the defence, drawing the goalkeeper, before Lister buried a simple ball into an empty net. As Ipswich dominated, Vickey Dixon, the sweeper, earned the penalty stroke that gave the champions their final goal, converted by Bray.

Kambli joins elite club

CRICKET: Vinod Kambli, the young Indian batsman, yesterday became only the third player — after Walter Hammond and Sir Donald Bradman — to score successive double-centuries in Test cricket. Kambli, 21, who hit 224 against England last month, went from 176 to 207 not out on the second, rain-curtailed day of the match against Zimbabwe in Delhi. In Auckland, Allan Border hit a gritty, unbeaten 61 to dig Australia out of trouble in the third Test against New Zealand. Australia are 141 runs ahead in their second innings with four wickets remaining. Graham Thorpe struck ten fours and a six in 97 as England A reached 262 for eight against Western Australia in Perth.

Christie showdown

ATHLETICS: London and Birmingham are being considered as venues for a July meeting between Carl Lewis, the world 100 metres record holder, and Linford Christie, the British Olympic champion, Lewis's manager said. "It appears it's going to be in England the 16th or 23rd of July," Joe Douglas said. "There is a meeting in Birmingham on the 16th and in London on the 23rd." Douglas said an offer from Lille, France, for a race on July 2 was still on the table. "But we want to take the best offer, and they (British organisers) say they have the money." Lewis failed to qualify for the US team for Barcelona in the 100 metres. Christie, 32, became the oldest 100 metres Olympic champion.

Oxford edge out rivals

ROWING: Both Oxford and Cambridge boosted their morale on Saturday with wins on the Tideway in their build-up to the Boat Race on March 27. Cambridge beat Nottingham County with ease but Oxford were pressured to the last stroke by London University. Racing from Putney to Chiswick Steps, London, stroked by Rupert Obhalzer, led for the first mile before Oxford took the lead at Hammersmith with their favourable bend ahead. Screams from the Oxford launch made their coxswain, Gordon Buxton, aware that his line was wrong. He moved out, leaving his opponents stranded, but a London recovery gave Oxford victory by a mere half-length.

Hendry sails through

SNOOKER: Stephen Hendry, unlike a number of the competitors, had no complaints about the humid conditions after opening his Asian Open campaign with a 5-0 third-round victory over Dave Finbow in Bangkok yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Hendry, without a ranking event success since the world championship ten months ago, allowed Finbow, a second-season professional from Worcester, to score only eight points in the closing four frames as he dominated proceedings. The Scot had a memorable second frame with a superb clearance of 144 — his highest break in a ranking tournament. Nigel Bond became the third member of the world's top ten to be eliminated when he lost 5-4 to Stephen Lee, of Trowbridge. *Bond, the world No. 9, fought back* from 2-4 to level at 4-4 but Lee compiled a break of 74 in the deciding frame.

Second win for Weight

GOLF: Cliff Weight, once of Cambridge, pulled a rabbit out of the hat to win his second President's Putter, 18 years after the first, at Rye on Saturday. He beat Richard Sanders, still up at Oxford, by 2 and 1. In a final which had been postponed from January because of storm-force winds, Sanders twice clawed his way back from three down to one down, but had no answer to Weight's birdie at the 17th, where he holed from off the green with a putt of 45 feet. Sanders, marginally closer, played a fine chip, but was unable to keep his hope alive. Afterwards, Weight confessed he had not fancied the prospect of the 438-yard 18th, as his opponent was often 40 yards past him off the tee.

England tour plans

CRICKET: England will visit South Africa for the first time for 31 years in the winter of 1995-96. A five Test-tour will start in October and finish early in January with the final Test at Cape Town, leaving both countries just over two weeks to prepare for the World Cup being held in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. "England are keen to have five Tests and not more than five limited-overs games," Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa said. England, led by Mike Smith, of Warwickshire, won a five-match series by 1-0 on their last visit. England's A team will tour South Africa next winter and play all the major provincial sides.

High winds delay Honda Classic

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN FORT LAUDERDALE

THE spectators assembling to watch the final round of the Honda Classic at Weston Hills Country Club yesterday looked as though they were heading for the ski slopes, not the sunny fairways of Florida. At least they were assured of some golf, unlike on Saturday when high winds blew away all chance of play, along with numerous tents and hospitality boxes.

The course itself escaped lightly, with only a few trees blown down, but the ball would not stay still on the fast greens and scoring would have soared into the realms of the farcical.

Fred Couples, the Masters champion and one of the game's big hitters, reckoned he would have needed his driver to reach the 17th green and Larry Mize thought he might have been unable to reach the 214 yard par three.

All that, however, was of little consequence compared to the damage caused. Officials believed a tornado must have blown through the area in the early morning on Saturday — a tent built to withstand winds of 75mph was sheared into bits — and the damage was estimated at more than $500,000.

There were a couple of minor injuries at the course but elsewhere in Florida people were killed and hundreds who had suffered when Hurricane Andrew hit last year were forced into temporary shelter again.

Mize, his confidence restored by victory in Tucson in January, was leading the Honda by one shot, on eight under par. Couples, Dick Mast and David Frost were seven under, with Billy Andrade and Craig Parry six under.

Faldo, who would find nothing unfamiliar in the cold, breezy conditions that prevailed on Sunday, was on three under and would pose a considerable threat to the leaders if he could conjure up a putting touch.

Play-off win improves Payne's chances

FROM MEL WEBB IN SANTA PONSA, MAJORCA

JIM Payne gave his chances of making a Ryder Cup debut in September a boost yesterday when he took the Balearic Open on the first hole of a sudden-death play-off against Anders Gillner, of Sweden.

Payne, 22, last year's PGA European Tour rookie of the year, won the first professional title of his short career after a 67 had put him into extra time with Gillner (70) on 277, 11 under par. David Jones, of Essex, was third, a shot behind after equalling Jose Maria Olazábal's course record of 64.

The £50,000 Payne won takes his Ryder Cup points total to 141,521 and moves him into tenth place in the qualifying table. If he makes it, the ice-cold detachment he showed on a breathless final afternoon will be like an extra club in his bag.

Ultimately, the destination of the title hinged on one stroke, Gillner's third, a bunker shot, on the 72nd hole of the tournament. Payne had already signed his card and was waiting, a quiet and almost anonymous figure in the crowd, as Gillner settled himself into the sand to the left of the green.

He was no more than 20 feet from the flag and needed to get up and down from there to win by a shot. The gallery fell silent, then exploded into a huge intake of breath as Gillner hit the ball much too thin from a good lie and watched, horror-stricken, as it skated across the green and finished on the far fringe.

From there, he chipped down to four feet, holed the putt and gazed heavenwards, overcome by misery. He should have won the title three minutes earlier; instead, he had to go back to the 17th tee, regroup and start again.

It was a crushing disappointment to the Swede and he let it show. Payne, on the other hand, did not reveal with as much as a twitch of the fingers or a flicker of the eyebrows, what must have been going through his mind.

He had already been through his own moments of torment on the 17th, where he three-putted and dropped a shot. It was his first mistake of the round, and his last. Gillner, following him in the last group on the course, was two strokes in front, but then bogeyed the 17th himself.

One hole to play, then, and Gillner needed only a par to win by a shot. That he failed, did nothing to devalue Payne's victory, gained with a par four to a bogey five by Gillner, who missed the fairway off the tee and was struggling thereafter.

Payne, a Walker Cup player in his amateur days, said that his experience of the previous week, when he led the Mediterranean Open for two days only to fade in the third, had taught him a valuable lesson.

"Here, it was a bit different," he said. "I was trying to catch up all the time and that took a bit of the pressure off me. Making a move from behind is slightly different than defending a lead. It also taught me to forget what the others are doing and concentrate on my own game."

He also thanked Jack Nicklaus for helping him to his moment of glory. "He gave me a lot of help and encouragement when we played together in the Open at Royal Birkdale, in 1991," he said. "When somebody like him thinks you are doing OK, you know you must be doing some things right."

When it comes to mentors, young Mr Payne obviously knows how to pick them.

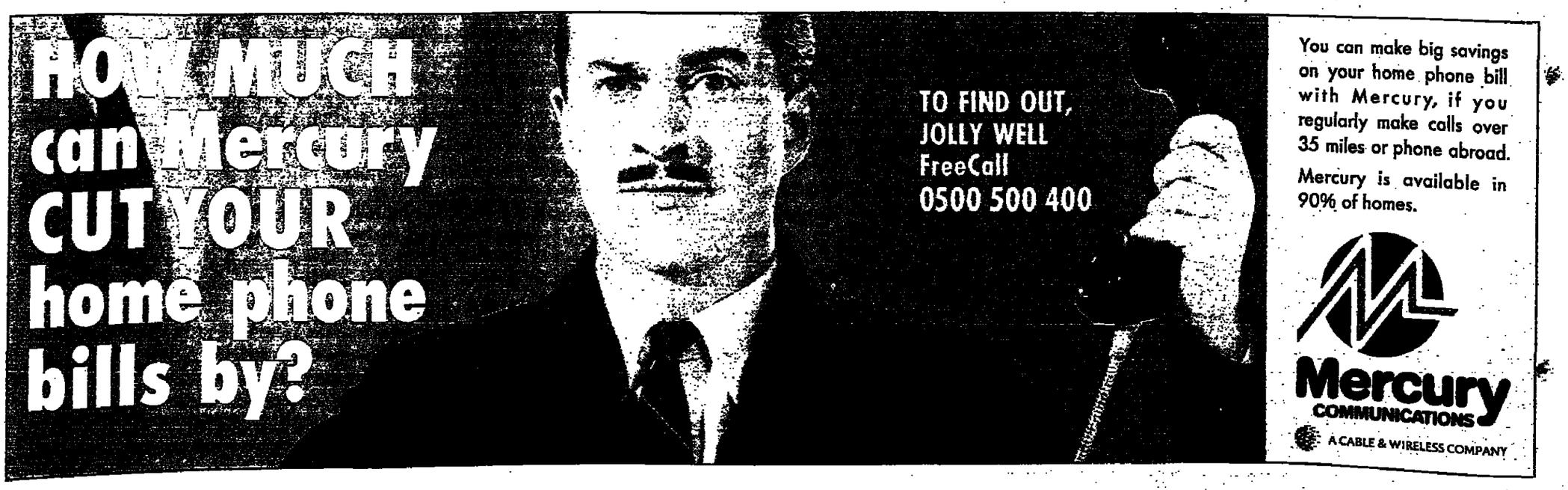
DETAILS

GB and Ireland unless stated

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 277: J Payne, 73, 66, 71, 67, A Gillner (Swe), 71, 69, 67, 70 (Payne won at 1st hole of play-off) 278: D Jones, 76, 68, 70, 64. 279: A Sherborne, 72, 70, 66, 71. 280: G Turner (NZ), 70, 70, 70, 70. 67, S Tinning (Den), 69, 69, 70, 72. 281: R Rafferty, 70, 70, 70, 71. 282: J Haeggman (Swe), 72, 67, 73, 70; D Cooper, 70, 72, 70, 70; I Palmer (SA), 71, 68, 72, 71. 283: J M Olazábal (Sp), 71, 71, 72, 69, C Montgomerie, 76, 69, 68, 70. 284: W Riley (Aus), 74, 70, 73, 67, F Nobilo (NZ), 72, 69, 74, 69; J Pamevik (Swe), 70, 72, 70, 72.

RYDER CUP POINTS: 1, B Lane, 255,391pts; 2, Montgomerie, 236,826; 3, N Faldo, 228,527; 4, J Spence, 183,025; 5, M James, 180,462; 6, A Lyle, 172,109; 7, B Langer (Ger), 164,751; 8, M Jonzon (Swe), 156,678; 9, S Richardson, 154,529; 10, Payne, 141,521.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: 1, M James, £107,040; 2, W Westner (SA), £96,140; 3, Faldo, £95,325; 4, D Gilford, £91,067; 5, Montgomerie, £86,573; 6, F Nobilo (NZ), £85,085; 7, Payne, £72,019; 8 E Romero (Arg), £63,794.



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Clough sent off as England's leading clubs offer shoddy fare in vital match

Scrappy win puts Bath on track for league title

Bath 22
Wasps 11

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

WHEN so many elements seem in conjunction for a good afternoon's sport, it is almost axiomatic that the end product will be a stinker. Thus, the collision of the league leaders at Bath Recreation Ground on Saturday, perfect match conditions, capacity crowd (the first of them in the stand at 10am), and two teams of established ability, produced rugby so negative that it was hardly possible to believe there were 20 internationals taking part.

Well, 20 to begin with; 19 after the dismissal only 15 minutes into the game of Francis Clough, the Wasps centre, which had far-reaching consequences. With 15 men Wasps had a chance of winning, even though their lineout capacity was negligible. With 14 they were forced into almost perpetual defence, their ball-winning further reduced by the loss of Mike White, their open side flanker, with a pulled hamstring.

Barnes: below par

Defeat by a goal, four penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try and two penalties cost Wasps their unbeaten Courage Clubs Championship record. Bath are now level on league points but with a differential in match points of 190 as against Wasps 58; should both clubs win their remaining matches the league title will stay for the third consecutive year at Bath.

Is it, I wonder, just coincidence that the four clubs offering most to England's two teams in Ireland next weekend, Bath, Wasps, Leicester and Northampton, were all involved in contentious or factious matches? International events must divert attention for so many players, however ready they may have believed themselves to be for the club commitment in between. Inevitably at Bath attention focused on David Matthews, the international panel referee from Liverpool, who dismissed Clough for striking Jeremy Guscott. He had given himself little option by issuing a general warning a few minutes earlier.

The first scrum erupted after a front row debate and after only ten minutes both captains were lectured. "I told the captains they had been given their chance, that I had given penalties and warnings and the next move was up to them," Matthews said. "They knew my next option, that the next offender would be sent off and that it might not be the one involved in previous warnings."

Clough, though he did not hit Guscott, remonstrated physically with the England centre who stood on Clough after a tackle. In another context he might have received a warning but Matthews, after consulting his touch judge, sent him off.

There is a belief amongst some Wasps that a more relaxed style of refereeing in the opening stages would have allowed taut nerves to settle. But no referee could have ignored the ill-tempered exchanges which set the tone for the encounter and, in addition, a display of rugby by Bath so rudderless as to be completely out of character.

Hill was hesitant, Barnes lacked his usual authority and Webb's kicking, out of hand and off the ground, was far below his usual standard. With Wasps begging to be attacked out wide after Clough's dismissal Bath persisted in checking back inside or kicking for position.

We enjoyed a rare moment of skill when Andrew's pass put Childs clean through and Hopley scored the try. Wasps defence of their 11-3 interval lead was outstanding and even when Webb had chipped it away with penalties, Andrew hit an upright with a penalty from touch which would have restored the lead. As it was Wasps were reduced to desperate straits to find a way through and, predictably, Bath collected cheap points in the last five minutes through a dropped goal from Barnes and Guscott's try.

SCORERS: Bath: Try: Guscott. Conversion: Webb. Penalty goals: Webb (4). Dropped goal: Barnes. Wasps: Try: Hopley. Penalty goals: Andrew (2).
BATH: J Webb; A Swift, P de Glanville, J Guscott, A Adebayo; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, V Ubogu, J Hall, A Reed, N Redman, A Robinson, B Clarke.
WASPS: A Buzza; P Hopley, F Clough, G Childs, C Oti; R Andrew, S Bates; G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, F Emersuna, R Kingsley, D Ryan, M White (rep: C Wright), M Greenwood.
Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

MARC ASPLAND

Moment of choice: Guscott debates whether to gather the loose ball or boot it forward to gain ground

Swansea in charge of their destiny

Gerald Davies sees Swansea run out 25-16 victors at Bridgend to claim what could be a winning lead in the Heineken League

SWANSEA took the honours in the Heineken League fixture at Bridgend on Saturday because they were altogether too strong at forward and because their opponents, a young side in the making, were apt, at critical times in the first half, to let them in for a score having only just done so themselves.

Not that Swansea were in any danger of losing — they turned round with a 10-6 lead and then had the advantage of the stiffish breeze — but the home team nudged them helpfully on the way.

Yet, in the middle of the second half, when the visitors threatened to overwhelm Bridgend, the home team refused to lie down and for a while mounted a creditable rally which was reflected in the scoreline of five tries to two tries and two penalty goals.

This victory, and Cardiff's defeat, puts Swansea at the top of the first division, ahead by a point of their neighbours, Llanelli, who lead Cardiff on try count. If Swansea remain unbeaten in the four game run-in, they cannot be caught. They have to face Newport and Cardiff at home, and Pontypridd and Aberavon away.

Llanelli, meanwhile, take on the bottom two clubs, South Wales Police and Maesteg. Pontypridd and Neath. So, if Cardiff beat Swansea on the last day of the league season and Llanelli win at Neath — all other games being won — then Llanelli will win the title at the third attempt, having finished runners-up over the last two seasons.

Swansea's main characteristic is perseverence rather than any sense of a smooth, running style. Clearly, having scored 21 tries in the last week, to take their total for the season to 101, it is Llanelli who are playing in a high-stepping style.

The match drew the attention of Derek Morgan and David Richards, two of the selectors for the British Isles tour of New Zealand this summer. They were there to cast a watchful eye over Tony Clement and, one assumes, Robert Jones, who, although out of the Wales team to play in Paris on Saturday, is not out of the Lions' frame.

Clement had a fine match, often entering the line to set Simon Davies. Swansea's right wing, on several long-ish runs. But the wing could not get very far away from Wilkins, his opposite number.

Jones, though looking a shade tired, played well, as did the domineering Howley, who looked to be the hungrier of the two. Howley, who recently set his sights on going to Bath, wants now to remain at the Brewery Field.

Bridgend looked to be a team who will do well in a year or two, provided the predator clubs either side of them keep their distance.

Clement: impressive

Twice, Luc Evans kicked penalty goals in the first half and twice, Swansea responded immediately with tries.

His first success, after 30 minutes, was followed, three minutes later, with a try by Webster after Stuart Davies had picked up from a scrum.

Evans's second penalty goal, in time added on at the end of the half, was overtaken with the clock showing 44 minutes when Stuart Davies again charged away from the kick-off to send Arnold in for the score.

There were occasional moments of good running from Swansea, but they were not consistent enough, even though Webster, Barclay and Clement scored tries in the second half. In the middle of all this, Bridgend struck back and were rewarded with a try by Spender and, late in the game, one by their prop, David Rees.

SCORERS: Bridgend: Tries: Spender, Rees. Penalty goals: Evans (2). Swansea: Tries: Webster (2), Arnold, Barclay, Clement.
BRIDGEND: C Bradshaw (rep: D Davies); P Jones (rep: G Davies), P Wintle, I Evans, G Wilkins; M Lewis, R Howley; D Rees, I Greenslade, R Shaw, S Bryant, S Jenkins, A Gwilym, D Bryant (rep: O Lloyd), N Spender.
SWANSEA: A Clement; S Davies, K Hopkins, S Gibbs, S Barclay; A Williams, R Jones, C Clark, R McBryde, K Colclough, I Davies, P Arnold, R Monerly, R Webster, S Davies.
Referee: B Wallis (WRU).

London Irish stumble to safe ground

London Irish 25
West Hartlepool 13

By Peter Bills

THEY sat in their ill-matching, shabby clothes, rough stubble on their chins and an expression of bewilderment on their faces. The 30 refugees from Bosnia invited to this Courage Clubs Championship match, as a gesture of goodwill after the nightmare they had endured in their homeland, seemed as baffled as the rest of us at a match that stopped and started with all the uncertainty of a UN convoy.

There was some polite applause from their small, forlorn contingent but rather more acidic comments from the locals as the Exiles secured the victory that should ensure their survival in the first division.

West Hartlepool scored first, as they have done in every league match this season, led 13-10 at half-time and did no more. The extra gear they required was not an option on the northern vehicle.

Geoghegan hungrily pursued the ball to all corners of the field and Curtis had one of his better games but Irish needed greater direction and speed from half back. Saunders and Burke worked assiduously but their tendency to move sideways congealed the Exiles' play further out.

West Hartlepool, who must next entertain Bath, are doomed to relegation because of their deficiencies behind the scrum. They had no conviction or class in that department, so the industry of their forwards went largely unrewarded.

Robinson, who plays for Ireland against England on Saturday, was a class above all others on the field. But Pegler's foraging was important, even though poor ball control frequently undermined the Exiles' effort.

West Hartlepool clung to their narrow lead until the final 18 minutes, when Irish scored 15 points. Corcoran and Geoghegan scored tries, the first converting his own, and Burke dropped a goal. Relief was apparent all round, not least on the faces of the Bosnians.

Cassell, who is joining Harlequins next season, was outstanding for Saracens as they beat London Scottish 41-17 at Southgate. Both clubs still seem likely to be relegated.

SCORERS: London Irish: Tries: Collins, Corcoran, Geoghegan. Conversions: Corcoran (2). Penalty goal: Corcoran. Dropped goal: Burke. West Hartlepool: Try: Mitchell. Conversion: Stables. Penalty goals: Stables (2).
LONDON IRISH: R Hennessy; S Geoghegan, S Burns, D Curtis, M Corcoran; P Burke, R Saunders; N Donovan, J McFarland, G Halpin, P Collins (rep: A Hayes), C Hall, C Buss, D Pegler, B Robinson.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Dignant; D Evans, C Lee, P Hodder, D Cooke; J Stables, S Havery; P Lancaster, S Mitchell, P Whitelock, D Blyth, J Dixon, K Westgarth, A Brown, P Evans.
Referee: L Prideaux (RFU).

Injured hand rules out France stand-off

DIDIER Camberabero will miss the five nations' championship game against Wales in Paris on Saturday. He broke a bone in his left hand during a match for his club Beziers. It could prove a costly blow for France, who had earlier announced an unchanged team to contend the title with England.

Camberabero scored 11 points in the 21-6 win over Ireland in Dublin last month. France have not announced who will replace him.

England have announced an unchanged team for their final match against Ireland in Dublin. Jeff Probyn, the Wasps tight-head, will become England's most capped prop with 37, surpassing the record established by Gary Pearce, of Northampton, during the 1991 World Cup. Probyn will also be 37 next month, all his England appearances having been made after his 31st birthday.

Will Carling will captain the side for the 35th time, leaving him one short of Nick Farr-Jones's world record of captaincy and Rory Underwood becomes the first England player to make 60 appearances.

Ian Hunter, Northampton's full back, withdrew from consideration for the A team because of fitness problems and Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, must confirm his place in the back row of the side to play Ireland A at Donnybrook on Friday after leaving the field during Leicester's league defeat at Bristol.

Neil Francis, the Blackrock College lock, fills the vacancy in Ireland's replacements after recovering from a calf muscle injury.

Nigel Walker, the Welsh wing, picked up a hamstring injury during Cardiff's defeat at Neath on Saturday, but expects to be fit after two or three days of treatment.

Such was the quality of play in the Canberra Sevens on Saturday that Scotland found themselves in the company of Fiji in the plate competition semi-finals after both had finished second in their pools.

Fiji were beaten 21-14 by Queensland and Scotland went down 26-14 to Canada after leading 14-5 at half-time. They were then outclassed by the Fijians who won the plate game 24-0.

ENGLAND (v Ireland, Dublin): J M Webb (Bath); T Underwood (Leicester), J C Guscott (Bath), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), R Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), C D Morris (Orrell), J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), J A Probyn (Wasps), M C Bayfield (Northampton), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), M C Teague (Moseley), B B Clarke (Bath), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins). Replacements: P R de Glanville (Bath), C R Andrew (Wasps), S M Bates (Wasps), V E Ubogu (Bath), C J Oliver (Northampton), T A K Rodber (Northampton).
FRANCE (v Wales, Paris): J-B Lafond (Begles); P St André (Montferrand), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Hontas (Biarritz), A N Other, A Hueber (Toulon), L Armary (Lyon-Lindes), J-F Tordo (Nice, captain), L Seigne (Mangnac), P Benetton (Agen), A Benazzi (Agen), O Roumat (Dax), L Cabannes (Racing), M Cécillon (Bourgoin).

Leicester let points and reputation slip

Bristol 15
Leicester 10

By Bryan Stiles

LEICESTER, the spectator-friendly side that has lit up many a ground with champagne rugby, chose to wear a scowl at the Memorial Ground on Saturday. It cost them a few friends and two points that would have kept them in the running for Courage championship honours.

Hopefully, they have some of that vintage Tigers bubbly tucked away in the club kit bag ready for use soon following this flat-beer sort of game that was saved by spectacular tries from two of Bristol's array of young players.

Leicester seem to have blown their title chances as they have lost three league games. Bristol are now more comfortably positioned in the middle of the table and they must be looking to the near future optimistically as they see the green shoots of talent growing so sturdily in the team. Officials must hope they do not suffer the fate of other, more notorious, green shoots that have, so far, failed to blossom in the economy.

Leicester never fancy their chances at Bristol and were clearly apprehensive from the start. The burden of having to secure vital league points was probably the reason their forwards turned out to be such a quarrelsome lot. The mood spread to their backs, who passed badly, ran poorly and seemed generally disorganised. On the rare occasions that Rory Underwood received the ball, he created confusion in the Bristol ranks as he dodged and darted seeking to puncture a resolute defence. At least he was one Leicester player trying to bring a smile back to the face of the game.

Even after Bristol were reduced to 14 men, when Guttridge was sent off with 23 minutes left, Leicester failed to take to control. Guttridge was dismissed for an off-the-ball incident that left Kardooni with an injured eye. Even a plea from the Leicester captain, Wells, failed to save the prop, who faces a 30-day suspension from the Gloucestershire disciplinary committee.

Bristol's first try came in the third minute, when a kick into the wind by Harris sent the ball back over his head. When the ball landed, it bounced conveniently for Barrow to capture it and speed half the length of the pitch along the touchline to score. He is a fast-developing green shoot.

Tainton converted and kicked a penalty in answer to one from Liley to make it 10-3 at half-time. Tainton laid on the pass that sent Bracken, the England A squad scrum half, racing in from 40 metres in the seventieth minute, after deceiving the Tigers' defence. But Leicester rallied and Kardooni burrowed through for a try. Unfortunately, they had woken up too late.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Barrow, Bracken. Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goal: Tainton. Leicester: Try: Kardooni. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goal: Liley.
BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, R Knibbs, W Waghorn, K Morgan; M Tainton, K Bracken; P Guttridge, M Regan, D Hinkins, I Patten, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Eves, C Barrow.
LEICESTER: J Liley, S Hackney, I Bates, S Potter, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rounsea, R Cockerell, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, P Grant, N Back (rep: S Pearce), D Richards.
Referee: C High (Manchester).

Gloucester grind down their betters

Northampton 16
Gloucester 21

By Barry Trowbridge

GLOUCESTER went to Franklin's Gardens on Saturday determined to knock premature talk of relegation firmly on the head. They did exactly that with as rugged a display as any recent Kingsholm side has produced.

For a couple of brief spells, Northampton chose to match Gloucester's attrition rather than concentrate on their own creativity. In doing so, they lost both their hard-forged momentum and, realistically, any outside chance they had of claiming the Courage Clubs Championship.

They are a strange side; not yet at ease, perhaps, with their lofty position in the first division. Capable of raising their game against the likes of Bath — witness the 11-8 league victory in October — they frequently seem unable to impose their unquestioned talent on lesser foe.

With league interest gone, though, they can turn their attention to the Pilkington Cup semi-final on Easter Saturday against Leicester.

The absence through injury of Hunter and Dawson, two of their most gifted players, did not help Northampton's cause against Gloucester. They fielded a backline brim with potential, but incapable of creating the extra man.

As a ground-gaining full back, Steele kicked impeccably, yet, as when he plays at stand-off, his handling in the line was safe rather than snappy, and the Gloucester cover had ample time to spare. Collisions with each of his wings, when trying to field high balls, did nothing for his confidence.

Within two minutes of the start, Steele had missed, then kicked, a penalty at goal. We should have known then that Stewart Piercy was going to have what turned out to be a bizarre afternoon with the whistle.

A chip to the corner by Beck, that Steele and Ward allowed to bounce, put Morris in for a try after 14 minutes, but Gloucester's joy was as short-lived as could be. Packman pouncing on Tim Smith's fumble almost straight from the restart.

Steele's conversion and a penalty goal by Smith made it 10-8 at the break, but, two minutes after, Gloucester had a lead they would defend at all costs when clean possession from a 22 drop-out sent Smith away on the narrow side and Holford, on his league debut, in under the posts.

Beech, Gloucester's other first-timer, added the conversion, and although Tubb took over the place-kicking and converted two penalties for Northampton, West Country resolve was not to be denied.

Smith, then Beech again, kept Gloucester one score ahead and well on target for another season in the first division.

SCORERS: Northampton: Try: Packman. Conversion: Steele. Penalty goals: Steele, Tubb (2). Gloucester: Tries: Morris, Holford. Conversion: Beech. Penalty goals: T Smith (2), Beech.
NORTHAMPTON: J Steele; B Ward, N Beal, F Packman, H Thorneycroft; S Tubb, D Elkington; G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, P Walton, J Etheridge, M Bayfield, R Tebbutt, W Shelford.
GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Caskie, D'Cummins, S Morris, P Beech, L Beck, P Jones, D Kearsey, A Deacon, R Fowke, D Sims, R West, I Smith, P Ashmead.
Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire).

RESULTS AND TABLES

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

BATH 22 WASPS 11
Bath: Try: Guscott. Con: Webb. Pens: Webb (4). Dropped goal: Barnes. Wasps: Try: P Hopley. Pens: Andrew (2).

BRISTOL 15 LEICESTER 10
Bristol: Tries: Barrow, Bracken. Con: Tainton. Pen: Tainton. Leicester: Try: Kardooni. Con: Liley. Pen: Liley.

L IRISH 25 W HARTLEPOOL 13
London Irish: Tries: Collins, Corcoran, Geoghegan. Cons: Corcoran (2). Pen: Corcoran. Dropped goal: Burke. West Hartlepool: Try: Mitchell. Con: Stabler. Pens: Stabler (2).

NORTHAMPTON 16 GLOUCESTER 21
Northampton: Tries: Packman. Con: Steele. Pens: Tubb (2), Steele. Gloucester: Tries: Holford, Morris. Cons: Beech. Pens: T Smith (2), Beech.

ORRELL 68 RUGBY 0
Orrell: Tries: Hamer (4), Ashurst (2), Halsall, Honocks, Kilminins, Manley, Taberner. Cons: Ainscough (4). Pen: Ainscough.

SARACENS 41 L SCOTTISH 17
Saracens: Tries: Adamson, Buckton, Crowley, Dooley, O'Leary, Wilson. Cons: Turnnidge (4). Pen: Turnnidge. London Scottish: Tries: Millard (2). Cons: Grecian, Vichary. Pen: Grecian.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	9	8	0	1	258	68	16
Wasps	9	8	0	1	148	90	16
Leicester	10	7	0	3	169	111	14
Northampton	9	6	0	3	114	100	12
Bristol	9	5	0	4	101	119	10
L Irish	10	5	0	5	144	186	10
Harlequins	9	4	0	5	118	124	8
Orrell	9	4	0	5	157	125	8
Gloucester	9	4	0	5	118	124	8
Saracens	10	3	0	7	115	151	6
L Scottish	9	2	1	6	137	153	5
W Hartlepool	9	2	0	7	91	128	4
Rugby	9	1	0	8	64	273	2

Second division

BLACKHEATH 18 BEDFORD 12
Blackheath: Tries: McIntyre (2). Pens: Eagle (2). Bedford: Tries: Garratt, Rennell. Con: Finnie.

COVENTRY 37 FYLDE 10
Coventry: Tries: Thomas (2), Barden, Curtis, Turner. Cons: Angel (3). Pens: Angel (2). Fylde: Try: Nicholson. Con: Barclay. Pen: Barclay.

MORLEY 6 RICHMOND 28
Morley: Pens: Grayshon (2). Richmond: Tries: Borovich, Hoad, Sole. Cons: Livesey (2). Pens: Livesey (3).

NEWCASTLE G 14 ROSSLYN PK 3
Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Chandler. Pens: Johnson (3). Rosslyn Park: Pen: Abraham.

NOTTINGHAM 9 MOSELEY 5
Nottingham: Pens: Gregory. Dropped goals: Gregory (2). Moseley: Try: Purdy.

WATERLOO 25 SALE 24
Waterloo: Try: Healey. Con: Grayson. Pens: Grayson (4). Dropped goals: Grayson (2). Sale: Tries: Birch, Erskine. Cons: Gee. Pens: Gee (3). Dropped goal: Gee.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Waterloo	10	9	0	1	182	118	18
Newcastle G	9	6	0	1	174	89	16
Nottingham	10	7	0	3	227	111	14
Wakefield	9	6	1	2	133	90	13
Bedford	9	4	2	3	118	139	10
Blackheath	9	4	2	3	127	161	10
Sale	9	4	2	4	168	91	9
Moseley	9	3	2	4	129	199	8
Richmond	10	4	0	6	175	156	8
Coventry	9	3	0	6	156	160	6
Rosslyn Pk	9	3	0	6	127	137	6
Fylde	9	0	2	7	86	221	2
Morley	9	0	0	9	63	296	0

Third division

Askeans	8	Sheffield	45
Exeter	28	Leeds	33
Liverpool St H	77	Aspatria	5
Plymouth	3	Havant	36
Redruth	10	Broughton Pk	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant	9	7	1	1	155	74	15
Redruth	10	6	2	2	152	112	14
Otley	8	6	1	1	182	89	13
Exeter	8	6	1	1	182	124	13
Sheffield	8	5	0	3	142	104	10
Clifton	8	4	1	3	158	105	9
Liverpool St H	8	4	0	4	173	97	8
Leeds	8	4	0	4	142	156	8
Askeans	8	3	0	5	107	198	6
Broughton Pk	9	1	0	8	99	178	2
Aspatria	8	1	0	7	105	266	2
Plymouth	8	0	0	8	77	186	0

Fourth division north

Durham	6	Walsall	7
Harrogate	71	Towcestrians	7
Kendal	6	Stourbridge	9
Lichfield	15	Preston G	12
Nuneaton	5	Wrenington Pk	38
Stoke	14	Hereford	5

Fourth division south

Basingstoke	9	Sudbury	16
Barry Hill	18	Maidstone	8
Camborne	34	Thurrock	11
H Wycombe	29	Met Police	17
Lydney	20	Southend	28
Weston-s-Mare	6	N Walsham	10

LEADING SCORERS: First division: 122: J Webb (Bath; 3 tries, 19 conversions, 23 penalty goals). 98: J Liley (Leicester; 2, 13c, 20pg). 93: M Corcoran (London Irish: 2, 4c, 25pg). 87: S Thresher (Harlequins; 3, 8c, 9pg). 84: J Stabler (West Hartlepool: 11, 3c, 16pg). 68: A Buzza (Wasps; 2, 5c, 11pg). 62: J Steele (Northampton; 5c, 14pg). 47: G Ainscough (Orrell, 4c, 13pg). 43: T Smith (Gloucester; 2c, 13pg). 41: S Talman (Bristol, 4c, 11pg). Second division: 117: P Grayson (Waterloo, 1t, 8c, 26pg, 6dg). 99: D Johnson (Newcastle Gosforth; 1t, 11c, 22pg, 2dg). 94: G Gregory (Nottingham, 1t, 10c, 14pg, 9dg). 82: G Eagle (Blackheath; 1t, 4c, 22pg, 1dg). 81: M Livesey (Richmond; 1t, 11c, 16pg, 2dg). 78: R Liley (Wakefield, 1t, 8c, 17pg, 1dg). 61: J Graves (Rosslyn Park; 1t, 1c, 18pg). 57: P Gee (Sale; 1t, 5c, 12pg, 2dg). Third division: 97: A Green (Exeter, 8c, 25pg, 2dg). 92: P Rutledge (Otley; 3t, 7c, 21pg). 78: K Thomas (Redruth; 1t, 7c, 20pg). 76: A Hogan (Liverpool St Helens; 8c, 17pg, 3dg). M Rodgers (Sheffield; 2t, 5c, 16pg). 58: A Harrison (Aspatria; 4c, 17pg). 54: C Taylor (Askeans; 1t, 5c, 11pg, 2dg). 52: R Ashworth (Havant; 3t, 2c, 1 pg). 48: S Hogg (Clifton; 1t, 5c, 9pg, 2dg). 32: D Breakwell (Leeds; 1t, 8c, 5pg). B Lloyd (Leeds, 4c, 8pg).

McEwan's Scottish League
First division

CURRIE 19 WATSONIANS 6
Currie: Tries: Dickson (2), Laugerson. Cons: Dickson, Donaldson. Watsonians: Pens: Ker (2).

GALA 14 MELROSE 30
Gala: Tries: Moncrieff, Walker. Cons: Maitland (2). Melrose: Tries: B Redpath (2), Brotherstone, A Redpath, C Redpath (2).

GLASGOW HK 39 HAWICK 0
Glasgow High Kelvinside: Tries: Dow, Waddell (2), M Wallace, Little. Cons: Little (3). Pens: Little.

HERIOT'S 86 KELSO 8
Heriot's FP: Tries: Allingham, Murray (4), Glasgow (2), Buchanan-Smith, H Gilmour, S Gilmour, MacDonald, McRobbie, Stoddart, Lawrie. Cons: Lawrie (2), Glasgow (6). Kelso: Try: Baird. Pen: Aitchison.

JED-FOREST 11 EDINBURGH AC 10
Jed-Forest: Try: Amos. Pens: McKechnie (2). Edinburgh Academicals: Try: Mohor. Con: Shepherd. Pen: Shepherd.

SELKIRK 38 STIRLING CO 10
Selkirk: Tries: S Nichol (2), Tukalo, Jeffrey. Cons: Pow (2). Pens: Pow (3). Stirling County: Try: Elliot. Con: McKenzie. Pen: McKenzie.

POSTPONED: Boroughmuir v Dundee HSFP.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	13	12	0	1	324	202	24
Gala	13	9	1	3	270	271	19
Edinburgh Ac	12	8	1	3	236	148	17
Jed-Forest	13	7	0	6	206	185	14
Currie	12	7	0	5	196	242	14
Boroughmuir	10	6	0	4	202	129	12
Hawick	12	5	1	6	197	170	11
Heriot's FP	12	5	0	7	250	267	10
Watsonians	13	5	0	8	195	278	10
Kelso	13	5	0	8	211	339	10
Selkirk	13	4	1	8	194	270	9
Stirling Co	12	4	0	8	145	173	8
Glasgow High	12	4	0	8	273	302	8
Dundee HSFP	12	3	0	9	142	259	6

Second division

Ayr	5	Clarkston	25
Kirkcaldy	44	Dunfermline	0
Peebles	27	Glasgow Ac	20
Preston Lodge	15	Edinburgh W	11
Stewart's-Mel	17	Musselburgh	14
W of Scotland	52	Grangemouth	6
Wigtownshire	38	Kilmarnock	6

Heineken Welsh League
First division

BRIDGEND 16 SWANSEA 25
Bridgend: Tries: Rees, Spender. Pens: Evans (2). Swansea: Tries: Webster (2), Arnold, Barclay, Clement.

LLANELLI 53 NEWBRIDGE 13
Llanelli: Tries: I Jones (2), Proctor (2), Scoyoer, L Davies, G Jones, Quinnell, M Wintle. Cons: Stephens (4). Newbridge: Tries: Brown, Crane. Pen: Brown.

NEATH 11 CARDIFF 8
Neath: Try: Varney. Pens: Thorburn (2). Cardiff: Pens: Davies (2).

PONTYPOOL 28 ABERAVON 7
Pontypool: Tries: White (2), Linham. Cons: Ring (2). Pens: Ring (2). Dropped goal: Ring. Aberavon: Try: D Griffiths. Con: Love.

PONTYPRIDD 30 NEWPORT 3
Pontypridd: Tries: Jenkins (2), Hughes, McIntosh. Cons: Jenkins (2). Pen: Jenkins. Dropped goals: Jenkins, Newport: Dropped goal: Westwood.

S WALES POL 27 MAESTEG 14
South Wales Police: Tries: Donovan, Higgs, Payne. Pools Cons: Marshall (3). Pen: Marshall. Maesteg: Try: Yardley. Pens: Edwards (2). Dropped goal: D Williams.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	18	16	0	2	488	247	32
Llanelli	18	15	1	2	672	225	31
Cardiff	18	15	0	3	525	165	30
Neath	17	11	0	6	340	280	22
Bridgend	17	8	1	8	294	308	17
Newport	17	8	0	9	321	412	16
Pontypridd	17	7	2	8	283	253	16
Pontypool	17	6	0	11	327	417	12
Aberavon	18	6	0	12	234	390	12
Newbridge	18	4	0	14	195	413	8
Maesteg	18	3	1	14	213	456	7
S Wales Pol	17	3	1	13	187	482	7

Second division

Cross Keys	20	Nantyeth	15
Dunvant	23	Penarth	18
Ebbw Vale	21	Llandovery	13
Glamorgan W	28	Aberdtery	17
Tenby Utd	18	Llanharan	14

POSTPONED: Tredegar v Bleans.

Club matches

L Welsh	55	Cambridge Univ	17
Otley	15	Rotherham	32
Boroughmuir	20	Dundee HSFP	18

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 15, The Army 37.

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Effect of indexation allowance on assessing capital gains tax payable

Smith (Inspector of Taxes) v Schofield

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Mustill and Lord Woolf

[Speeches March 11]

In assessing capital gains tax payable on the sale of articles, the indexation allowance introduced by section 86 of *the Finance Act 1982, as amended* by section 68 of and Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1985, to counteract the effect of inflation was to be set against the total gain from the date of acquisition of the articles by the taxpayer and not only against the post-1965 gain computed after time apportionment under paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 to the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the Crown from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Nolan) (*The Times* February 11, 1992; [1992] 1 WLR 639) who had allowed an appeal by the taxpayer, Mrs Rosemary Beatrice Schofield, from Mr Justice Hoffmann (*The Times* July 11, 1990; [1990] 1 WLR 1447) who had allowed an appeal *by the Crown by case stated from* Mr D. C. Potter, QC, sitting as a special commissioner.

Having regard to the provisions of the Finance Act 1988, the question arising on the appeal would not arise in relation to gains accruing on disposals on or after April 6, 1988. Although the sum involved in the appeal was small, it was a test case chosen because of the simplicity of the facts. There were many similar cases involving a very large sum of money whose results were likely to turn on the decision.

Mr E. G. Nugee, QC and Mr Nicholas Warren for the Crown; Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Stephen Allcock for the taxpayer.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that section 1 of the 1979 Act provided: "(1) Tax shall be charged . . . in respect of capital gains, that is to say chargeable gains computed in accordance with this Act and accruing to a person on the disposal of assets. . ."

The taxpayer had acquired assets in 1952 (a Chinese cabinet and a French mirror then worth £250) and sold them in 1987 for £15,800. After deduction of expenses, the amount of the gain accruing on the disposal had been £14,088. By section 28 of the 1979 Act and section 86(1) and (2) of the 1982 Act, as amended, that was the amount of her unindexed gain. The agreed indexation allowance in the present case was £2,640. That sum had to be set against the unindexed gain of £14,088 to give the gain for the purposes of the 1979 Act. The taxpayer had to be treated as if the gain on the disposal had been not £14,088 but £11,448.

By paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 to the 1979 Act: "On the disposal of assets by a person whose period of ownership began before April 6, 1965, only so much of any gain accruing on the disposal as is under this paragraph to be apportioned to the period beginning April 6, 1965, shall be a chargeable gain."

The gain for the purposes of the 1979 Act was £11,448 and it was that gain that had to be apportioned. The amount *apportioned to the period* beginning with April 6, 1965, on that basis was agreed to be £7,189; accordingly £7,189 became the chargeable gain made on the disposition by the taxpayer and capital gains tax was leviable on the basis of that chargeable gain.

The taxpayer argued that the gain of £14,088 had to be apportioned under Schedule 5. The part apportioned on that basis to the period beginning with April 6, 1965, was £8,864. If the argument was right, then paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 stipulated that it was the sum of £8,864 that was the chargeable gain.

Then, according to the argument, there had to be deducted from the chargeable gain of £8,864 the indexation allowance. That left just *£6,224 that the taxpayer had to bring* into account in the computation of her capital gains tax liability.

Paragraph 11(2) of Schedule 5 provided that only the amount of any gain accruing on a disposal and apportioned to the period beginning April 6, 1965, *should be a chargeable gain.*

If the indexation allowance was deductible from the amount apportioned under paragraph 11(2) it was deductible from a chargeable gain and part of a chargeable gain escaped tax in breach of section 1(1).

LORD JAUNCEY said that capital gains tax, in its present form, had been introduced by the Finance Act 1965, and all existing provisions of that Act and subsequent Finance Acts had been consolidated in the 1979 Act.

In the case of assets other than quoted securities and land reflecting development value whose value at April 6, 1965, was not readily identifiable, the taxpayer could, as in the present case, adopt the formula in paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 rather than elect under paragraph 12 for a valuation at April 6, 1965.

The sub-paragraphs of paragraph 11 constituted a rough and ready method of avoiding retrospective taxation in relation to assets whose value was not *readily ascertainable. It saved trouble* and expense to both the taxpayer and the Revenue in seeking to establish the market value of an asset at a date that might be years before that on which the valuation was required. It was not intended to provide an accurate guide as to the value of a particular asset on April 6, 1965, because it was inherent in the formula that a figure arrived at on that date depended on the value at the date of disposal, which might be many years thereafter.

It seemed probable that in 1965 Parliament had not contemplated the dramatic rise in inflation that had taken place in later years, and it might well have been assumed that no very great difference would result from the adoption of one or other of the procedures in paragraph 11 or paragraph 12 of Schedule 5.

However, by 1982 inflation had increased significantly, and that had been recognised in section 86 of the 1982 Act. Broadly speaking, the effect of sections 86 and 87 had been to apply an indexation allowance to the acquisition cost of an asset, thereby reducing, to that extent, the gain on the disposal.

It would be obvious that in general the indexation allowance appropriate to an asset acquired many years before 1982 would be of small value in relation to the subsequent gain. That had been recognised by Parliament in the 1985 Act, first in section 68 and second in Schedule 19, amending section 86 of the 1982 Act.

That amending legislation had, *inter alia*, applied the indexation allowance to the market value of the asset on March 31, 1982, instead of its acquisition cost. It was agreed that the combined market value of the taxpayer's antiques as at March 31, 1982, had been £10,000.

In the present case, the taxpayer had not elected for an April 6, 1965 valuation, and the issue was whether the indexation allowance fell to be applied to the whole gain accruing between the date of acquisition and the date of disposal or only to that part that was, by paragraph 11 of Schedule 5, apportioned to the period after April 6, 1965. The Revenue contended for the former, the taxpayer for the latter.

Their Lordships had been referred to numerous arithmetical examples showing the anomalies that would result from adopting either. Given that straight-line apportionment (paragraph 11 of Schedule 5) was an artificial method of avoiding or mitigating the effect of retrospectivity that was not necessarily related to reality, his Lordship did not find it surprising that anomalies or perhaps even bizarre results could result in either direction from its application, whether alone or in conjunction with the indexation allowance.

In his Lordship's view, the issue had at the end of the day to be determined by construction of *the relevant statutory provisions* viewed against the underlying philosophy of the legislation rather than by detailed consideration of hypothetical examples producing apparently anomalous results.

Having considered the statutory provisions, his Lordship summarised his conclusions as follows:

1 Prior to 1982, where an asset owned on April 6, 1965, had subsequently been disposed of, the gain had first been computed by reference to the provisions of section 52 and *any other relevant* provisions of the 1979 Act, and thereafter the chargeable gain resulting from that computation had been restricted as a result of the application of the relevant provisions of paragraph 11 of Schedule 5.

2 When the indexation allowance had first been introduced by section 86 of the 1982 Act, it had been set against the "gross gain", which had been the gain computed in accordance with sections 28(1) and (2) and 30 of the 1979 Act subject to any other relevant statutory provisions but before the application thereto of paragraph 11(2) and (3) of Schedule 5.

3 When section 86 had been amended by the 1985 Act, the "unindexed gain" that had been substituted for the gross gain had continued to be computed in the same manner, with the result that the new indexation allowance fell to be set against the whole computed gain accruing from the date of acquisition and not only against that part of the gain apportioned to the period after April 6, 1965.

His Lordship reached his decision that the appeal should be allowed with regret because its effect was that an allowance that had been given to offset the effect of inflation on gains accruing from and after 1982 was in part being *attributed to notional non-chargeable* gains accruing prior to April 6, 1965, a situation that could not occur where an election of valuation on that date was made.

In the present case, the effective value of the indexation allowance would be reduced by more *than one-third*. The decision would have the same effect on losses.

His Lordship would be surprised if Parliament had intended such a result. He was inclined to agree with Lord Justice Nolan that the parliamentary draftsman might not fully have taken into account the correlation between the indexation allowance and the time apportionment formula.

Lord Woolf delivered a speech concurring in allowing the appeal and Lord Goff and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Inland Revenue; Hewitson Becke & Shaw, Cambridge.

Risk sufficient to establish guilt

Regina v Board of Trustees of the Science Museum

Before Lord Justice Steyn, Mr Justice Garland and Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment March 9]

Where an employer was charged under section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 with exposing members of the public to risks to their health from exposure to legionella pneumophila, the prosecution need not show that members of the public had actually inhaled the bacterium or that it had been there to be inhaled, it was sufficient to show that there had been a risk of it being there.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum against its conviction at Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Aglionby and a jury) on October 11, 1990 for failing to discharge the duty imposed upon it by section 3(1) of the 1974 Act, contrary to section 33(1)(a) of that Act. The board was fined £500 and ordered to pay prosecution costs of £35,000.

Section 3 of the 1974 Act provides: "(1) It shall be the duty of every employer to conduct his undertaking in such a way as to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that persons not in his employment who may be affected thereby are not thereby exposed to risks to their health or safety."

Mr Anthony Machin, QC and Mr Jonathan Waite for the appellants; Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC and Mr Timothy Briden for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution had alleged *that, by reason of an inadequate* system of maintenance of the air conditioning system, members of the public outside the Science Museum had been exposed to risks to their health from legionella pneumophila.

At the trial the judge had had to resolve an important issue as to the interpretation of the words "thereby exposed to risks to their health or safety" in section 3(1) of the 1974 Act.

The prosecution had contended that they did not have to prove that members of the public had actually inhaled the bacterium or that it had actually been there to be inhaled. It was sufficient if there had been a risk of it being there.

The defence had argued that the prosecution had to go further, because a possible danger or potential danger could not impair the health and safety of the public. That could only come about when the danger ceased to be potential and became real.

The judge had adopted the interpretation put forward by the prosecution.

Far-reaching powers were linked with section 3(1) of the Act. It was therefore clear that the broad purpose of that part of the legislation was preventive. Section 3 could not therefore be read in isolation. The powers set out in sections 20, 21 and 22 were an important contextual aid to the construction of section 3(1).

The starting point had to be the ordinary meaning of the language of section 3(1). In the court's judgment the prosecution's interpretation fitted in best with the language of section 3(1).

In the context, the word "risks" conveyed the idea of a possibility of danger. Indeed a degree of verbal manipulation was needed to introduce the idea of actual danger which the appellants had put forward.

The ordinary meaning of the word "risks" therefore supported the prosecution's interpretation. There was nothing in the language of section 3, or indeed in the context of the Act, which supported a narrowing down of the ordinary meaning.

On the contrary, the preventive aim of sections 3, 20, 21 and 22 reinforced the construction put forward by the prosecution. The appellants' restrictive interpretation would have made enforcement of those sections a great deal *more difficult and would have* resulted in a substantial emasculation of a central part of the 1974 Act.

The interpretation which rendered those statutory provisions effective in their role of protecting *public health and safety was to be* preferred.

The appellants had argued that if the prosecution's submission was accepted the result might be that, subject to the defence of reasonable practicability, all cooling towers in urban areas were *prima facie* within the scope of the prohibition contained in section 3(1).

On the evidence led in the present case that might be correct. Almost certainly such a result would be true of a number of hazardous industrial activities.

Subject only to the defence of reasonable practicability, section 3(1) was intended to be an absolute prohibition. Bearing in mind the imperative of protecting public health and safety, so far as it was reasonably practicable to do so, the result could be faced with equanimity.

Solicitors: McKenna & Co; Mr B. J. Ecclestone, Bayswater.

Debtor liable for committal

Woodley v Woodley

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment March 11]

A person who declined to pay a judgment debt despite having the means to do so was in default of payment and thereby subject to the court's power to commit under section 5 of the Debtors Act 1869 *even though the procedure* for enforcement of the debt was stayed pending appeal.

The Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Simon Brown dissenting, dismissing an appeal by Jennifer Louise Woodley against *the dismissal by Judge Hunter on* August 17, 1992 of her judgment summons issued on July 14, 1992 to enforce payment by her former husband, Douglas Ronald Woodley, of a lump sum of £60,000.

Section 5 of the 1869 Act provides that the jurisdiction to commit a person defaulting on a judgment debt would be exercised only where "it is proved to the satisfaction of the court that the person making default either has or has had since the date of the order or judgment the means to pay the sum in respect of which he has made default, and has refused or neglected or refuses or neglects to pay the same".

Mr Martin Pointer for the wife; Mr Peter Shier, who did not appear below, for the husband.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said the case raised difficult questions about the inter-relationship between ancillary proceedings consequent *on the parties' divorce and* the proceedings in the husband's bankruptcy.

On the breakdown of the marriage in 1984 the husband had agreed to fund a £60,000 insurance policy so as to pay off the wife's mortgage. He had never done so.

The matrimonial home had been sold for a nominal £300,000. In fact, the husband had done a collateral deal with the purchaser to receive a further £71,000 which was kept secret from the wife.

In subsequent proceedings the husband had failed to make a proper declaration of his means and had done everything possible to hide from his wife all he could so as to defeat her financial claims.

In May 1991, the husband had been ordered to pay a lump sum of £60,000 and to make periodic payments to the wife at the rate of £11,200 a year. On June 7, 1991, when the divorce was made absolute, the husband petitioned for bankruptcy and a bankruptcy order was made against him on July 29, 1991.

A committal order made against him in respect of the £60,000 had been overturned on *appeal: see* ([1992] 2 FLR 417). The wife had then issued a second judgment summons which had come before Judge Hunter on August 17, 1992.

The judge had found that the husband had hidden assets which by virtue of section 306 of the Bankruptcy Act 1986 vested in the trustee in bankruptcy so that he was not entitled in law to use the assets to discharge the judgment debt. It was from that order that the wife appealed.

Judge Hunter had wrongly ignored the punitive element in section 5 of the 1869 Act. The debt had become due from the husband on June 21, 1991 and did not cease to be due merely because the enforcement procedure was stayed pending the appeal.

Nor did the stay of execution alter the fact that, so long as the husband did not pay the debt, he had made default in its payment and could be taken to have refused or neglected to pay it. The existence of the stay was a factor to be taken into account in deciding whether *to punish the husband, as was the* husband's failure to explain what had happened to the £71,000 and other moneys.

The husband had so far succeeded in his avowed ambition of preventing his wife from having *any of his money. That was* something the court could not readily accept. But his Lordship had reluctantly concluded that the husband might very well have thought that the existence of the stay affected his liability to pay the *lump sum and so he ought not* now to be imprisoned.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said he disagreed with Lord Justice Balcombe over whether the husband made a default in payment so as to bring him within the court's committal powers under the 1869 Act.

It was not sufficient to conclude that the husband could be thought by some to be in default. Before the court's committal powers arose it would be necessary to conclude that on the only reasonable construction of that provision he must be held in default.

In his Lordship's judgment, a party should be entitled to benefit from a stay without in any way exposing himself to penal liability. His Lordship would construe the section as conferring upon the court power to commit a debtor *only if he was proved in a real* sense to have been at fault in failing to make payment during the relevant period.

Default here, in the context of the penal provision punishing those who refuse or neglect to pay *their debts, connoted clear and* actual blameworthiness.

Although the husband had behaved disgracefully he could not properly be regarded as liable to committal under section 5 of the 1869 Act.

Mr Justice Peter Gibson agreed with Lord Justice Balcombe.

Solicitors: Winward Fearon & Co; Bishop Longbotham & Bagnall, Swindon.

Prosecution after promise was an abuse

Regina v Croydon Justices, Ex parte Dean

Before Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment February 19]

The prosecution of a person who had received an undertaking, promise or representation from the police that he would not be charged with an offence in exchange for his co-operation was capable of being an abuse of process. It was not necessary to show that the promisor had the power to make the decision or that the case was one of bad faith.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an application by George Franklyn Phillip Dean for judicial review and quashing his committal by Croydon Justices for an offence contrary to section 4(1) of the *Criminal Law Act 1967.*

Mr James Wadsworth, QC and Mr Robert Good for the applicant; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Charles Miskin for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that he accepted both that the police had no authority or right to tell Mr Dean that he would not be prosecuted for *any offence connected with their* murder investigation and that the matter was of constitutional importance. However, he did not accept the submission that no such conduct by the police could ever give rise to an abuse of process.

The effect of the undertaking, promise or representation by the police was likely to have been the same whether or not it was authorised by the Crown Prosecution Service. If the Crown Prosecution Service found that their powers were being usurped by the police, then their remedy was a greater degree of liaison at an earlier stage.

His Lordship said that in his judgment, particularly having regard to the fact that Mr Dean was aged only 17 at the time, it was clearly an abuse of process for him to be subsequently prosecuted. The impression that he would not be prosecuted was not dispelled for over five weeks, during which time he gave repeated assistance to the police.

His Lordship felt that the case could be regarded as quite exceptional.

Mr Justice Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: Bernstein Garcia; Crown Prosecution Service, Croydon.

Seaweed not controlled waste

Thanet District Council v Kent County Council

Seaweed was not "controlled waste" within the meaning of section 3(2) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and a disposal licence was therefore not required under section 5 of the Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Farquharson and Mr Justice Wright) so held on February 26 when allowing the appeal by way of case stated of Thanet District Council and quashing the decision of Margate Justices to convict it of depositing controlled waste on land not subject to a disposal licence, contrary to the 1974 Act.

MR JUSTICE WRIGHT said that bearing in mind the penal nature of the statute and that it was to be construed strictly, he had no doubt that the definition of "controlled waste" was to be given a narrow meaning. Because the definition of "controlled waste" in section 30 of the 1974 Act was limited to household, commercial and industrial waste, it was necessary to consider, when interpreting that section, the power of the secretary of state to make regulations which would result in various substances not normally treated as household, commercial or industrial waste being treated as such. Seaweed was not included in any such regulations.

Building society loan leaflet sent to child not unlawful

Alliance & Leicester Building Society v Leicestershire County Council

Before Lord Justice Farquharson and Mr Justice Wright

[Judgment March 3]

A building society which sent a child a leaflet advertising loans was not guilty of sending a minor a document inviting him to borrow money with a view to financial gain, because the leaflet specified that loans were not available to applicants under the age of 18.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing the Alliance & Leicester Building Society's appeal by way of case stated against its conviction by Leicester Justices on April 9, 1992 of sending a minor a document inviting him to borrow money, with a view to financial gain, contrary to section 50(1)(a) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

Mr Thomas Brendan Hegarty, QC, *for the building society*; Mr Kenneth Parker, QC, for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE WRIGHT said that a minor, aged nine, had had a savings account with the building society. With his annual statement he had received a mail-shot which purported to offer up to £7,500 by way of an unsecured personal loan.

The justices had found that it was the building society's policy not to grant loans to persons under the age of 18, that its computer programme was written so as to prevent loans being granted to minors and that there were, at the bottom of one of the leaflet's 12 pages, the words "loans are not available to applicants under 18 years of age".

However, the justices had concluded that the building society was guilty of the offence because the leaflet had been sent to account holders regardless of their age and every invitation to borrow money *had been, subject to company* policy, with a view to financial gain.

In his Lordship's judgment, the document had to be read as a whole, including the words "loans are not available to applicants under 18 years of age". When the document was so read it had to be construed as one whose operation was excluded to those under 18.

The prosecution therefore fell at the first hurdle: the document was not an invitation to a minor, let alone to borrow money. Further, the prosecution also failed at the second hurdle: proving that the document was sent "with a view to financial gain".

The prosecution had argued that the building society had indiscriminately circulated all account holders and therefore the court should infer that it was the company's intention, where possible, to obtain applications, whether from persons under or over 18, and therefore to obtain financial gain.

In his Lordship's judgment, the fact that indiscriminate mail-shots of that kind were to be condemned did not mean that the building society was in breach of the 1974 Act.

Structures had existed which sought to eliminate minors from being granted loans, therefore it seemed that the only logical inference was that when the building society had sent the brochure out it *was not its intention to obtain* financial gain from any person who received it who was a minor.

Lord Justice Farquharson agreed.

Solicitors: Mr J. Hepplewhite, Hove; Mr T. Harrison, Leicester.

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Perfection of a useless kind

Traditionally, the Whitney Biennial is the museum show that New York loves to hate. Every two years the Whitney Museum of American Art mounts an exhibition, selected by a jury, which purports to present a snapshot of the best, the most interesting, the most important American art of the moment. Such an ambitious endeavour is there to be shot at, of course, and in recent years it certainly has been. It has become a contentious and tendentious affair, talked about and complained about until long after it is taken down. Some artists must feel that it is more of an honour to be excluded than to be invited.

This year's Biennial is a profoundly depressing affair. For all its trappings of hip festivity, it parades an overwhelmingly negative outlook. The mood was summed up by the small black badges handed out to all the invited guests at the show's opening. The work of Daniel J. Martinez, they bore such bleak witticisms as "I Can't Imagine Ever Wanting To Be White".

The theme of the exhibition is suffering, private and public. Querulous complaints about the indignities experienced by the artist, both as an individual and as the member of a group, dominate the show. As if to underline the point, the handful of painters chosen — there are just eight of them among the 82 artists in the show — were, with one or two exceptions, the most banal and "irrelevant" the curators could find.

The phrase "political correctness" has become a lightning-rod of the Zeitgeist. Just to breathe the words now immediately brands one in certain American circles as the intellectual equivalent of a Grand Wizard in the Ku Klux Klan. Yet the curators of the Biennial seem to be applying a standard that exceeds correctness; indeed, it might be termed political perfection. Eliminate the very social forces which made this museum and this exhibition possible, they seem to suggest, and the world would be a better, more just place.

Few would deny that some assumptions of the art scene in the fat days of the Reagan era needed to be re-examined, not least the virtual exclusion of black artists and women. But to substitute the cult of the victim for the rule of the pale male is no great advance for Western civilisation.

Indeed, the point made again and again in the Biennial, with all the subtlety of a butcher's truncheon, is that Western civilisation is itself the problem. The first work the visitor confronts (assuming one starts at the top floor and works downwards, as custom demands) is a hollow fibreglass replica of one of the monumental stone heads of Easter Island. Onto this is projected a video of a television weather report.

Get it? Noble, ancient non-white people degraded and destroyed by the banality of white cultural imperialism. In case the viewer does not get it, there is a bibliography to read, attached to an interminable statement by the artists: Bruce Yonemoto, Norman Yonemoto and Timothy Martin.

Worse follows. In the next gallery is a work by Janine Antoni, entitled *Gnaw*. It consists of two large cubes, one of lard and the other of chocolate, both covered with teethmarks. Next to it is a commercial display case filled with chocolate hearts and tubes of bright red lipstick. The hearts are moulded from chocolate that Antoni gnawed off the block and spat out, and the lipstick from laird that she similarly bit off and chewed, which was then dyed red.

> 'Some artists must feel that it is more of an honour to be excluded than to be invited'

This work is, it seems, intended to make the point that women's eating disorders, such as bulimia, which involve regurgitating food, are caused by pernicious myths about feminine beauty and romance. Another work about eating disorders, by Sue Williams, includes the delightful sight of a huge puddle of plastic vomit in the middle of the gallery.

The great limitation of such works is that once one has twigged their meaning, the piece ceases to communicate. It becomes as meaningful as a solved crossword puzzle. Many works in the exhibition require an enormous amount of reading to be understood.

Tedious and sometimes very long statements explaining the "meaning" of what one is looking at, and asserting its immense significance, leave the viewer feeling stupefied and tired, for none of the artists is particularly eloquent, and some of them can scarcely frame an intelligible sentence.

However much cleverness and elegance some of these artists have brought to their work, the cumulative effect of the Biennial is hectoring, as though the viewer is somehow to blame for all these dreadful problems. Yet what am I to do about the depredations visited upon the people who carved the stone heads of Easter Island hundreds of years ago? Or the eating disorders of a person I have never met? Simply being aware of these problems, if that is what they are, is not a rewarding state of consciousness, and it is certainly not an aesthetic one.

Yet that word, aesthetic, is one that the curators of the Whitney Biennial would only snigger at. Oscar Wilde's dictum that all art is quite useless has been turned on its head: now, art must be socially or politically "improving". It is aesthetics that are useless.

The curators of the Biennial even seem to challenge the notion that there is any essential difference between art and life. Among the many videos in the show is the famous footage of Rodney King being beaten by policemen in Los Angeles. It was shot by a man named George Holliday, who was trying out his new camcorder at the time and happened to capture the event on videotape. His is now one of the most famous snippets of video ever made, and it certainly has a great deal to tell us about our society. But it is no more a work of art than a puff of wind is.

One of the principal issues raised by the Biennial is that of exploitation, in all its many guises. By making an artist of George Holliday and a video star of Rodney King, one might well ask the Whitney's curators: who is exploiting whom?

● The 1993 Biennial Exhibition continues at the Whitney Museum of American Art, 945 Madison Avenue, NY, NY 10021 until June 13

Banal? *Land of Projection*, by Bruce and Norman Yonemoto and Timothy Martin, at the Whitney

ARTS BRIEFING

'Ere Vigo 'ere Vigo 'ere Vigo

ROCK music does not normally leap to mind when we think of Jean Vigo, the lyrical film director of *L'Atalante* and *Zéro de conduite*, who died of tuberculosis in 1934, aged only 29. Matters may change after *Vigo*, a planned cinematic portrait of Vigo's passionate love for his wife Lydou. The director? Julien Temple, who cut his teeth on the Sex Pistols film *The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle* and assorted rock videos. Antonio Banderas, featured in Pedro Almodóvar frolics, may possibly star in the Impact Pictures project, scheduled to be shot in France and Russia.

● TREADING a delicate path between trad, fusion, and the more tuneless kinds of jazz, the first London Jazz Festival (071-911 1652) has announced more than 100 events between May 14 and 23. The festival, organised by the London boroughs of Camden, Hackney and Islington and the promoters Serious Speakout, opens with the New Orleans marching band Rebirth Brass Band, and includes the World Saxophone Quartet, Joe Pass, John Surman, Stan Tracey, Abdullah Ibrahim and the veteran gospel group Five Blind Boys of Alabama.

Lynda yes, Helen no

HOLLYWOOD cannot get enough of Lynda La Plante, the actress turned thriller-writer who came to fame with *Prime Suspect*. With *Prime Suspect 2* just concluded on American television, and *Prime Suspect 3* due this year, La Plante is now involved in two feature-film ventures with Universal Pictures — one of them a remake of *Prime Suspect*. Unfortunately, Helen Mirren — who plays La Plante's policewoman heroine — appears not to be considered a big enough box-office name in America for the film.

Last chance . . .

DAVID Bintley's last work as resident choreographer of the Royal Ballet is also one of his best, a pretty and elegiac abstract work set to William Walton's poignant *Variations on a Theme by Hindemith*. *Tombeaux* forms the centrepiece to a popular triple bill, which begins with the historic Fokine-Stravinsky *Firebird* and ends with William Forsythe's *In the middle, somewhat elevated*. Final performance is tomorrow night at the Royal Opera House (071-240 1066).

ROCK: **David Sinclair** sees a magisterial Sting open a tour and a Californian group make its London debut

More than capable of conquering the world

JULIAN HERBERT

Sting on stage: occasionally last Friday he sang with a faintly jazzy inflection

Sting
Albert Hall

Sting always puts on a display of consummate musicianship in concert. But never in an eight-year solo career has he marshalled his resources to such elemental yet stunning effect as in the new show which he unveiled on Friday.

Having been forced to postpone three concerts earlier in the week due to a bout of laryngitis, this was, by default, the opening night of his world tour to promote *Ten Summoner's Tales*. But the band cruised with perfect poise into the opening verse of "If I Ever Lose My Faith In You".

The four musicians were located, with a minimum of clutter, in front of a tasteful, abstract backdrop which altered to signal changes of pace at strategic points during the show. Sting, who wore a black frockcoat, black jeans and played bass guitar, was supported by drummer Vinnie Colaiuta, guitarist Dominic Miller and keyboard player David Sancious. This was the same virtuoso outfit which he convened in 1991 to tour the disappointing *The Soul Cages* album.

Now armed with a more upbeat collection of songs, they have matured into an absurdly capable team, romping through the excruciatingly complex arrangements of "Love Is Stronger Than Justice" and "Seven Days" with a nimble touch that chimed perfectly with the lighthearted tone of Sting's lyrics.

The first bravura stroke in a masterfully paced set was a version of Lennon and McCartney's "A Day In The Life", which Sting announced as the only song, so far as he knew, which contained a reference to the Albert Hall. Later, as an encore, they tackled "Penny Lane", and in both cases faithfully reproduced the original arrangements, Sting occasionally singing with a faintly jazzy inflection just behind the beat and Miller taking care of the trumpet voluntary in "Penny Lane" by way of an oddly treated guitar sound. Neither of these adventurous choices — the Beatles deemed them "unplayable" live — taxed the quartet unduly; both were entirely convincing and enjoyable.

By wedging old favourites among new material and ignoring most of the grey stuff in between, Sting managed to play all but two tracks from the latest album, yet still make his two-hour stint seem like a Greatest Hits show. The new songs worked well, especially a quiet section encompassing "It's Probably Me" and "Shape Of My Heart", while the uptempo shuffle of "She's Too Good For Me" made another rollicking encore.

Among older highlights were "An Englishman In New York" and "Fortress Around Your Heart", while a generous helping of Police songs included an impressive "Roxanne" (spliced with a version of "Consider Me Gone") and a sensational, piano-driven finale of "When The World Is Running Down, You Make The Best Of What's Still Around".

With such a wealth of musical talent and financial means at his disposal, the temptation for Sting to opt for a blockbuster production must be ever present. In the past he has veered from the all-star "jazz" ensemble of 1985/6 to the mob-handed arena extravaganzas of 1987/8. But everything about this show reflected Sting's ultimate triumph in devoting a maximum of effort simply to playing a great set of songs.

Already on the runway

Stone Temple Pilots
Underworld, NW1

Already a sizable attraction in America, where their first album, *Core*, is just outside the Top 50, Stone Temple Pilots have clearly lost none of their appetite for playing in a small club. The singer, known only as Weiland, began their London debut by handing a bottle of champagne to the scrum in front of the Camden stage. Within seconds a jet of spray hit the ceiling, followed by the first, colossal surge of noise from the band, which drove into the nervous system like a wrecking ball.

Lionised by the specialist press, but derided in other quarters as a Johnny-come-lately version of Pearl Jam, Alice In Chains and all the other post-grunge, power-house bands, the San Diego-convened STP do owe stylistic debts — most obviously on a song like "Sin" to Led Zeppelin — but they are no idle imitators. Their press release describes them as "Californian new age rockers", which seems to mean that they write intelligently crafted songs, subscribe to the correct attitudes and make a noise to wake the dead.

"This one's dedicated to all the sexist, racist, homophobic morons out there," said Weiland, announcing the band's new single, "Sex Type Thing". Presumably the cheer which this drew was not from those in the crowd who identified with the stereotype. But with its piledriving riff and menacingly salacious lyric the song could easily be mistaken for espousing precisely the values it purports to attack.

More impressive than any cod-intellectual pretensions were the phenomenal energy and shock-troop cohesion of their performance. Despite the limited space, and the huge pillar in the middle of the stage, the DeLeo brothers — Robert on bass and Dean on guitar — kept constantly on the move, while drummer Eric Kretz laid down a powerfully muscular foundation.

But it was Weiland, with his goatee beard, rolling eyes and short hair coloured an angry shade of vermilion, who remained the focus of attention. When not demonstrating his impressive vocal range with alarming gusto, either direct into the microphone or through a megaphone à la Tom Waits, his dance moves were redolent of a man in the grip of an epileptic seizure.

As is the fashion these days, songs such as "In The Garden" and the epic "Dead & Bloated" deftly combined melody and even harmony with all the dynamics of a megaton explosion. Only "Creep", with its relatively gentle touch, suggested a lighter side to a band that is destined to be a major, heavyweight act of the future.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

ROBERT VERNON'S GIFT It is tempting to tag Robert Vernon as the Charles Saatchi of his day. Certainly he was one of the great collectors of contemporary British art between 1826 and 1847. In 1847 he gave a selection of 165 paintings, mainly landscapes by Turner, Constable and Bonington, genre paintings by Wilkie, Mulready and others, and animal paintings by Landseer, to the National Gallery, whence they were transferred to the Tate around 1900. This show of some 70 works, mostly long unseen and cleaned for the occasion, includes art by all the painters named, as well as some from an earlier generation.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until late October

UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS AND THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE: Highly praised Traverse production of sensational play by Canadian Brad Fraser: sex, selfishness and serial murder. Opening night.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

LA DAMNATION DE FAUST. Berlioz's *legende dramatique* arrives at Covent Garden in Harry Kupfer's spectacular staging, first seen in Amsterdam in 1989. The cast includes the outstanding American baritone Samuel Ramey as Mephistopheles, and fellow American Jerry Hadley as Faust. The conductor is Sir Colin Davis, an undisputed master of Berlioz interpretation.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 8pm

TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM. In another well balanced programme in the series (which concentrates on classical music of the period 1921-1930 this year) Simon Rattle conducts the London Sinfonietta and a host of soloists in Bartók's *Village Scenes*, Janáček's *Rikadla*, Villa-Lobos's *Chôro* (no 3), Vaughan Williams's *Flos Campi* and Stravinsky's *Les Noces*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

ST PETERSBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Alexander Dmitriev conducts an all-Russian programme comprising Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* suite, Glazunov's Violin Concerto (with Maxim Fedotov as the soloist) and Rachmaninov's Third Symphony.
Barbican Hall, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm, only London date in an extensive March tour.

REGIONAL

EDINBURGH: Fiona Bell plays the resourceful heroine in Carlo Goldoni's **Mirandolina**, newly translated by Ranjit Bolt. An independently minded woman who can twist men round her little fingers. Directed by Hugh Hodgart; designs by Greg Smith.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3.15pm, until March 27.

LIVERPOOL: Still thought of primarily as the daring young man who rode to fame on the strip cartoon redefined as high art, **Roy Lichtenstein** in the last 30 years turned into a grand old man of American painting. His irresistible rise is chronicled in an imposing retrospective designed to prepare the way for his 70th birthday in October.
Tate Gallery Liverpool, Albert Dock (051-7090507). Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm, until April 18.

NEWCASTLE: The RSC's season continues with *The Taming of the Shrew* at the Theatre Royal and *The Beggar's Opera* at the Playhouse.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street, and **Playhouse** (091-232 2061). Both productions: tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm

WARWICK: To mark the bicentenary of the death of Carlo Goldoni, his comic masterpiece *The Venetian Twins* is dramatised by **Oxford Stage Company**. Robert David Macdonald translates, Mark Brickman directs, Peter Jordan stars as both twins.
Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 524524). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

WINCHESTER: Stephen Unwin chooses Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream** for his first production as artistic director of Century Theatre. The staging, designed by Bunny Christie and with lighting by Ben Ormerod, is touring the regions.
Theatre Royal, Jewry Street, Winchester (0962 843434). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 3pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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□ **ALFIE**: Adam Faith as Bill Naughton's 1963 Jack the Lad who briefly finds human feelings. Play and characters now look antique.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 125mins. Final week.

■ **ANNA KARENINA**: Shared Experience's award-winning adaptation returns for a second London showing. Recommended.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 180mins. Final week.

◪ **THE ARTIFICE**: Roguery, pretence and true love do battle in a comedy by Mrs Centlivre, unjustly neglected female dramatist of the Restoration.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

■ **CAROUSEL**: Triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE**: Brisk, pointed revival of Orton's first success, with Janet Dale and Ian Gelder as a sublimely amoral brother-and-sister team.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins. Final week.

■ **FRANK PIG SAYS HELLO**: Quirky but intriguing two-hander peering into an Irish village troubled by dark deeds and a reckless piglet.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 100mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **KING LEAR**: Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

■ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◪ **MISERY**: Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **MURDER IS EASY**: But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND**: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

□ **NOT FADE AWAY**: Kelly Hunter and Neal Swettenham in new Richard Cameron play: a girl lets her multiple personalities show themselves.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 150mins.

◪ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **PLAYLAND**: Athol Fugard's two-hander: white man and black man, loitering outside a fairground, haul up their past and hint at the future. Builds to an eloquent climax.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

□ **SNOW ORCHID**: Paola Diomsotti in London Gay Theatre's British premiere of Joseph Pintauro's 1979 (pre-Aids) drama of a New York family finding a whole lot to worry about.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 120mins.

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS'**: Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow staging by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 190mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . □ **Hay Fever**: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) □ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) . . ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . □ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

KNIFE IN THE WATER (PG): Gripping psychological games on a small sailing boat. Welcome revival of Polanski's first (and last) Polish feature, made in 1962.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route, filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
Gate (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a few spots of magic. With Chris O'Donnell, director, Martin Brest.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

A SONG FOR BEKO: Restrained but powerful elegy for the hounded Kurds and their dismembered homeland from émigré director Nizamettin Ariç.
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

BAD LIEUTENANT (18): Abel Ferrara's forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop. Astonishing acting by Harvey Keitel.
Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **CONSENTING ADULTS** (15): Couple wife swapping leads to murder

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Limp, silly thriller with Kevin Kline, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Kevin Spacey. Director, Alan J. Pakula.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574)

◆ **HONEYMOON IN VEGAS** (12): Private eye Nicolas Cage tries to save girlfriend from gambler James Caan's clutches. Andrew Bergman's agreeable, old-fashioned screwball comedy.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574)

◆ **LEON THE PIG FARMER** (15): Jewish lad discovers his embarrassing pedigree. Exuberant British comedy that gets unduly silly. Stars Mark Frankel, Brian Glover; directors, Vadim Jean, Gary Sinyor.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **LORENZO'S OIL** (12): Gruelling real-life tale of parents battling to alleviate their son's terrible illness. Director, George Miller.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **MALCOLM X** (15): Spike Lee's ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly issues get sidestepped, and there is little cinematic fire.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG): Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-732 3332)

SHADOWS AND FOG (15): Woody Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent homage to German Expressionist cinema. With Mia Farrow, John Malkovich, and, very briefly, Madonna.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

TOYS (PG): Toy factory falls into evil hands. Over-elaborate, unfunny whimsy from director Barry Levinson; with Robin Williams, Michael Gambon, Joan Cusack, and toys galore.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

THEATRE: Brenton's 'Stasi' play staged in Berlin, and Motton's latest drama

Forgiveness is a foreign word

Berlin Bertie
Deutsches Theater

AT A press conference before *Berlin Bertie opened* in Berlin, Howard Brenton reassured Berliners that he was not "parachuting in here to tell you how to solve your problems". He had no need to make excuses because, although the debate about the Stasi files is the talk of every café, talk-show and *feuilleton*, not one play on the subject has emerged from eastern Germany.

Accusations of collaboration have placed some playwrights, such as Heiner Müller, too close to the issue. So it has been left to outsiders like Brenton and the West German playwright Klaus Pohl to write the first plays about East Germany's relationship with its poisoned past.

Berlin Bertie, premiered at the Royal Court last year, is set in south London in 1990. Alice, a disgraced social worker who has turned to drugs, is holed up with a cheerful young racist. Alice's sister Rosa, a devout Christian who has just left her pastor husband, arrives from Berlin. She sets about tidying up her sister's life but is swiftly reminded of her own troubles by the appearance of Berlin Bertie, a Stasi officer who uses the codename Bertolt Brecht.

Berlin Bertie is a cynic who has never had to believe in the communist system because, he says, he *was* the system. After reunification he quickly found himself a place in the market economy, distributing *neo-Nazi video games*.

Brenton has rewritten parts of the play for its Berlin production, notably a flashback scene set in October 1989, when Bertie comes to Rosa's flat in East Berlin, declaring his wish to "confess" and handing her a list of collaborators within her own circle of dissidents. The Berlin audience appeared to recognise the rewritten scene as authentic. Other changes, such as the removal of many references to British politics, set the play firmly in a German context. The balance has also been subtly altered by the Leipzig-born director Sewan Lathinian, who stresses *the shared fate of Rosa and Bertie*, both orphaned by the death of communism.

The play's whimsical ending has the female characters ascending into the rafters as a prelude to fleeing to Holland, offering no solution to the problems of belief, treachery and forgiveness Brenton raises. The Berlin production adds a wry touch: a uniformed East German policeman and a long-haired dissident sing *"There's a place for us"* from *West Side Story*, winning a cheer for the lines: "We'll find a new way of living/We'll find a way of forgiving". If only they could. Outside the theatre, a young woman was handing out leaflets denouncing yet another playwright as *a Stasi agent*.

DENIS STAUNTON

Close to home: *Berlin Bertie* touches a raw nerve in Germany

Tortured tale gets lost in the telling

A Message for the Broken-Hearted
Liverpool Playhouse

LIKE Peter Brook and the Philharmonia, the playwright Gregory Motton *is an English phenomenon* that the French have taken to their cultural heart. Since his plays were shown at the Royal Court, the Bush and various regional theatres in the Eighties, his ability to create an atmosphere of turgidly nightmarish forboding has *struck a chord of intellectual Gallic chic* in Paris. His next play, *The Terrible Voice of Satan*, is due at the Royal Court this summer and in Paris next year. He must gain in translation.

Four months ago, Motton made a savage attack on the intellectual and artistic poverty *of British theatre*. Now he hoists his standard in Liverpool Playhouse. It is easy to see what the French like about his elliptical dialogue, heavy with non-sequiturs, repetition and the inane *echoing of words* between characters. In French, Motton may sound like Beckett. In English the effect is absurdist theatre without the humour, a Pinter *who has cut out every other line just to* make things more opaque.

The apex of Motton's eternal triangle is Mickey, played by the admirable Kevin McMonagle, one of those beaky, black-haired *Scots actors* with a wickedly sardonic streak and a hint of madness. "You have two women," someone says admiringly. "I need a thud," he whispers. The *accent takes some getting used to*.

The girls are Linda, constantly referred to as odd even by her father, and Jenine, whose vulnerable sweetness buckles under grief and humiliation into what would be termed insanity in a play where sanity existed.

We meet Mickey and Linda sucking ice lollies. Mickey is later discovered in bed with Jenine. In the third scene he kicks a garden chair to pieces. During a picnic Jenine tells Mickey his new soul is in her breasts and Linda jumps on the crockery. All we need is Stephen *Sondheim's music*.

Motton's plays are popular in Finland and Australia but I doubt whether he will overtake Ayckbourn. Ramin Gray's production, despite noisy curtains for minimal scene changes, evokes beautiful performances, especially from *Samantha Holland*. *Not* for the first time has young British talent gone to the bad in France.

MARTIN HOYLE

CONCERTS

The rites to know

Passion and Resurrection
Westminster Abbey

THE *music* of the Anglican and Russian Orthodox traditions has more in common than at first appears. An enterprising concert of Russian choral music given by the **Joyful Company of Singers**, under Peter Broadbent at St Giles, Cripplegate, highlighted these *parallels, the day before the first* London performance of Jonathan Harvey's *Passion and Resurrection* at Westminster Abbey.

One of the chief genres generated by Orthodox liturgy is the choral concerto, a large-scale polyphonic piece. The JCS *programme* offered a sequence of such concertos from the 18th century through Rachmaninov to the present day.

The newest was a Concerto for mixed choir by Dmitri Nikolaevich Smirnov (not the better-known Dmitri Valentinovich Smirnov), receiving its UK premiere. Although setting secular poems by Osip Mandelstam, the long sustained lines were faithful to their sacred model. Even the clusters, erupting in ecstatic or terror-struck convulsions, had a hieratic feel. The JCS mediated between these contemplative and protesting moods with a passion that seemed to fuse fervour and repressed anger.

Harvey's **Passion and Resurrection**, though *entitled* a "church opera", alludes to the Baroque tradition of Passions: the congregation is invited to join in hymns, and Christ's words are even surrounded by a halo of strings (unfortunately, Pilate also has a halo that is none too dissimilar).

There the parallels end. For Bach's recitatives, arias and choruses are replaced by a sequence of scenes, within which the texture is unified. Harvey's setting uses minimal forces, not in a mindlessly repetitive way, but to evoke the atmosphere of ritual. The *work begins and ends with plainsong*, and the congregational hymns, also plainsong, provide motifs for development elsewhere.

With so little that was coherent, or memorable — at least in a concert version — the one great theatrical coup was arresting: as Jesus (*nobly sung by* Michael George) let out his last agonised cry, and darkness covered the earth, the Abbey lights were gradually extinguished to the crashes of organ and tam-tams. While less than swept up in the drama during the performance itself, I found its sense of gravity lingering in the mind. The Docklands Sinfonietta and fine soloists were conducted by Martin Neary.

BARRY MILLINGTON

TELEVISION REVIEW: Maigret

Fast work in Paris

THE new series of six stories featuring Simenon's Parisian detective Maigret (ITV, last night), with Michael Gambon in the title role, has been touted as having "a sexier feel in a bid *to boost ratings*". Given a plot involving a nightclub stripper who had sex with just about everybody but the naive policeman in love with her, a countess who cuckolded and probably helped murder her elderly husband, before becoming a drug-addict, later murdered *by her lover, they have filled at* least the first part of the brief.

Budapest (moodily, beautifully photographed by Elemer Ragalyi) again stands in for Fifties' Paris, and every detail of the costumes (Mike O'Neill/Anne Rudd) is apparently *authentic, down to the last creased and* too-tight collar, to be felt, in due course, by Gambon's Maigret. He has relaxed into what is now a characterisation to set beside any of this actor's many triumphs. The chief inspector's inner conflict between cynicism, intellectual vigour and compassion is *unshowily* conveyed, although the sharper pace of the new series sometimes gives him only the slimmest of margins for error between subtlety and superficiality.

Douglas Livingstone's screenplay was dangerously *compressed*; director John Strickland and editor David Cresswell hurried things along splendidly, but some characters could barely keep up. Minnie Driver was touching as the doomed stripper: desired by a multitude, intimate with many and understood by nobody. Her admirer was one of Maigret's assistants, Lapointe (James Larkin, who fought through the *implausibility* barrier to become a convincingly wiser man).

Brenda Blethyn was magnificent as *the forgiving wife of nightclub owner* Tony Doyle (similarly impressive). Here was a thoroughly credible couple, locked into their shabby, "glamorous" world along with their "hostesses".

So much care had been taken to get this aspect of the story right that others *might have been skimped*. Perhaps Michael Sheen's frantic, Rik Mayall-on-amphetamines turn as Philippe had distracted them, much as it did me. Most of the cameos, notably Laura Cox's concierge and Jill Freud's disapproving aunt, merely added to the *pleasure* to be had from the story and the crowded, smoke-haunted sets (art director Agnes Pongrácz, production designer Chris Wilkinson).

John Keane's anachronistic incidental music featured screaming saxophones which had me thinking even *more murders* had been committed than actually were. The contrast with Nigel Hess's wittily evocative title music was only too great.

TONY PATRICK

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CINEMAS

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On the first Monday Books page: **Victoria Glendinning** reviews the letters of Gustave Flaubert and George Sand

Is life about babies or books?

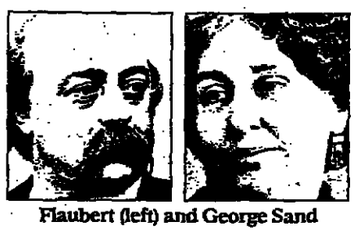
FLAUBERT-SAND *The Correspondence*
Edited by Alphonse Jacobs. Translated by Francis Steegmuller and Barbara Bray
Harvill, £20

"I don't think there can be two workers in the world more different from one another than we are. But as we're so fond of each other it doesn't matter." This absorbing correspondence between George Sand and Gustave Flaubert, from 1866 to 1876, suggests that friendship is as mysterious as a love affair. Any relationship between a man and a woman has a sexual component, whatever the age difference, but Sand and Flaubert deliberately ungender themselves. She, in her sixties, describes herself as "no longer a woman", and he, in his forties, says he is "feminised and softened by wear and tear".

The great thing about this correspondence is that it doesn't matter a damn whether the reader has specialist knowledge of the lives and works of Flaubert and Sand or not. But the story so far is that Sand was a popular and prolific novelist who had led a tempestuous private life — a brief marriage, a son and a daughter probably by different fathers, and a string of lovers who included the poet Musset, Musset's doctor, her own lawyer, the composer Chopin, and a much younger man who died just before her friendship with Flaubert began. She is spending her final years at Nohant, the family home, with her adored son Maurice and his wife. She is still writing a book a year, plus plays for the Paris stage. But her two little granddaughters are the centre of her life. In any case, as she tells Flaubert, "I've always loved someone more than literature, and my family more than that someone."

Flaubert, younger than Sand's own son, has had several liaisons, but is becoming a recluse. *Madame Bovary* and *Salammbô* have been published; his reception by the critics was rarely encouraging, and it was an enthusiastic review of *Salammbô* by Sand that first prompted him to write to her. For him, literature is the only thing that makes life worth living: "The moment I'm not holding a book in my hands, or thinking about writing one, I'm so bored I could scream."

What they have in common is the habit of industry, a distaste for Catholicism, and a deep rootedness in their own home routines. Both spend time in Paris, and meet at the literary dinners at Magny's restaurant. But she is firmly based in her fulfilling life at Nohant, and he spends months shut up with his books and his aging mother at Croisset near Rouen. Their first visits to one another are terrific successes: they stay up talking and reading their work to one another till four in the morning. Once Flaubert read aloud from the draft of his novel from three in the afternoon until eleven at night, with a pause for dinner.


Flaubert (left) and George Sand

After the first flush of friendship, the country visits became rarer. Both are loth to leave their homes, while pressing the other to visit. In their letters, they explore their differences. He is an effortful author, writing 72 pages of draft for just four published pages of *L'Education sentimentale*, and spending years on exhaustive documentation. "I think you go to more trouble than is necessary," she tells him. She manages to write what she unpretentiously calls "My little annual novel" with the minimum of research. "I just need to see them," she says of her settings, "so as not to get the lighting wrong."

He lives in his dressing-gown, and is thrown off course by any interruption. "With you," he tells her, "the flow of ideas is broad, continuous, like a river. With me it's a tiny trickle." He is misanthropic, misogynistic, and prickly about critics and publishers to the point of paranoia. She is more philosophical — but then she is much more commercially successful. Also, she lives in the noisy centre of an affectionate family: "I like sewing and wiping babies' bottoms." She teaches her grandchildren, swims in the icy Indre, botanizes, paints in water-colours, entertains her friends and her son's.

She reproves Flaubert, always lovingly, urging him to go out more, to look on the bright side, and not to indulge the black depressions in which, he says, he "deliberately wallows". He can sustain feuds and resentments for months. Sometimes his gloomy self-obsession wears her out. After his visit to Nohant three years before her death, she complains in her journal that he bored the company by only talking about literature and monopolising the conversation. "My dear Flaubert has left me utterly exhausted." Turgenev, who was also there, was a better guest, "he likes noise and cheerfulness". Flaubert regularly moans about growing old: she, suffering from physical rather than neurotic illnesses, seems the younger of the two.

But it is precisely his neurotic nature, one suspects, that draws them together. He sees himself as a "congenitally unhealthy man", and she, who has nursed several lovers through TB, is a born carer. She shrewdly remarks that when two authors criticise each other's approach to writing, and even the work itself, "It doesn't mean you change one another — on the contrary, it usually makes one cling more firmly to one's own point of view."

Flaubert certainly did not change George Sand. "Chronic indignation may be an organic necessity for you," she tells him. "It would kill *me*!" What actually killed her was cancer. She died before Flaubert had finished *Un Coeur Simple*, the great short story about a servant woman that he had undertaken to counter Sand's reproaches about his lack of common humanity. So perhaps she did change him, a little. Early in their pen-friendship he had written to her: "The more I know you, the more I admire you! How strong you are." With which the reader can only agree.

Silver vein in an age of iron

Michael Hofmann

THE COMPLETE POEMS OF ANNA AKHMATOVA
Translated by Judith Hemschemeyer
Zephyr/Canongate, £17.95

Russian poetry is different, as Fitzgerald once said of the rich. It has another dimension of intensity, of public speech, of moral hygiene, of tragedy. The English poet speaks for himself and cultivates his oddity in a corner of the language; the Russian is ordinary and speaks for everyone. This function of poetry, its familiarity and importance, its conspicuous place at the head of an alternative hierarchy, resists translation into English more than the words themselves — they arrive with an echo, and perhaps sound hollow to our ears. In England, poetry is a mews off Grub Street; in Russia, it is celestial, half-Parnassus and half-Hollywood.

Perhaps only American poetry can begin to compare with it. John Berryman summons "the worst possible ordeal that will not actually kill him"; Akhmatova asserts that "Shakespeare's plays — the sensational atrocities, passions, duels — are child's play compared to the life of each one of us". Robert Lowell makes his "manic statement/ telling off the state and president" and Pasternak tells Stalin on the telephone that he wanted to talk to him about life and death. All are on the Richter Scale, with their exorbitance and risk.

The difference is that the Americans were brinkmen: calculating, perhaps bored; their success or failure mattered only to themselves. It is impossible to imagine *them* saying (as Akhmatova said): "The Nobel is not enough."

And if they had said it, it would have been a demand for a rise. For the Russians, poetry was not a career, and they toughed it out, none more than Akhmatova: the only game in town.

There was a golden age of Russian poetry, but that was in the early 19th century, and, like most golden ages (in fact, it seems axiomatic), it travels badly: Pushkin in translation seems like a lesser Byron rather than a later Shakespeare. Akhmatova became an expert on Pushkin, and uses his words, sparingly as saffron, as epigraphs for some of her own work.

She was, believe it or not, part of the silver age of Russian poetry: herself, Pasternak, Mandelstam and Tsvetayeva were born in consecutive years, from 1889 to 1892. They are beyond question the most gifted group of poets of the century. Akhmatova, the first of them, was also the last; she died in 1966. Isaiah Berlin writes: "The widespread worship of her memory in the Soviet Union today, both as an artist and as an unsurrendering human being, has, so far as I know, no parallel."

The pupil and protégé of her last years, Joseph Brodsky, offers the best description of Akhmatova's poetry (in an essay, "The Keening Muse", included in his *Less Than One*). She is "the kind of poet that simply 'happens'", without apprenticeship or discernible development, unlike anyone else and impossible to imitate. He calls her "blatantly non-avant-garde", "a poet of strict metres, exact rhymes and short sentences".

Of these three qualities, only the third can be relied upon to survive in translation; metre and rhyme (the great majority of Akhmatova's poems consist of three or four rhymed quatrains) have to be imagined. Even so, it is enough. Judith Hemschemeyer's versions are the best I have seen; they have dignity and pace, and are part way rhymed. Above all, her mission to translate all of Akhmatova — for which she taught herself Russian, though working from literal versions, like many translators — proves to have been inspired. This great lilac brick of a book, with 800 poems (some mere scraps of only two or three wonderful lines), a hundred photographs, Berlin's memoir of his amazing nocturnal meeting with Akhmatova in 1945, all annotated and introduced, is a stupendous bargain.

Akhmatova at 20 wrote poems in which she was flawless, interesting and herself. Brodsky comments on the "terrific novelist quality" of her love poems, and I was captivated especially by her second book *Rosary* (1914); those poems were recited in order by her admirers, round a room. Each one is a moment of great physical and psychological clarity: a room or street, an encounter an exchange of words or gestures, and often some bitter twist at the end. Love can be "calculating and malicious", a nightingale sings "poisonously", in a Victorian image of sexual taint, there is the smell of tobacco in dishevelled braids.

A romantic and fêted and beautiful youth was misleading and left Akhmatova unprepared, one would have thought, for the future: her first husband, the poet Gumilyov, shot in 1921, two unsatisfactory remarriages, the imprisonment of her son under Stalin, deaths and betrayals and chicaneries. But no, the proportions of bitterness and passion in her work were reversed, her poetic resources dealt magnificently with what was thrown at her. At 30 she described herself as old and wrote about her losses. She compared her life to a train rushing off the tracks or — that other miracle of Soviet engineering — a re-routed river. Poetry, she said superbly, grows from "rubbish".

The appalling drama of her life — Shakespearean, as she said — is traced and surmounted by the poems. Seamlessly, a girl's love-poems become the tough lamentations of a survivor. At times I thought I was reading something thousands of years old: the Romans or the ancient Chinese would have understood Akhmatova. We are lucky to have this account of her in English.

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The worship of her memory has no parallel: Anna Akhmatova as a young woman

PAPERBACKS

SHAKESPEARE AND THE GODDESS OF COMPLETE BEING
By Ted Hughes
Faber, £9.99

PANNED and praised in equal measure when it first appeared, this ambitious book realigns the 14 mature plays (from *All's Well* to *The Tempest*) in terms of a single underlying plot, which Hughes calls the mythic equation. This consists of the hero's rejection of the Great Goddess and subsequent destruction by or rescue from the forces of the irrational. With a thoroughly Shakespearean mixture of intuition, scholarship, and common sense, Hughes shows how the playwright deployed kaleidoscopic elements of an enormous mythic inheritance to reflect the philosophical and doctrinal controversies of his time.

BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY: the trials and tribulations of the making of *Malcolm X*
By Spike Lee
Vintage, £7.99

IN this ardent account of his long struggle to make a big budget black movie for a tight-fisted white Hollywood, Spike Lee assures us "This is the picture I was born to make." A stranger to modesty, he raises the struggle to epic proportions in a chanting, streetwise prose as if in homage to Malcolm himself, and so neatly defends the portrayal of Malcolm's ruthless extremism as a justifiable call to arms. But being assertively proud is natural in America, and maybe Malcolm did recant a little before his death. Decide for yourself with this bruiser of a book, which includes the full screenplay, a moving piece by Denzel Washington, and interviews with Malcolm's ex-colleagues.

TROPICAL NIGHT FALLING
By Manuel Puig
Faber, £6.99

THE title sounds exotic, but the falling night is that of age, and approaching death. Nidia and Lucia are two octogenarian sisters living in Rio; both are widowed; one has lost a daughter. Now, their interests centre on absent sons and the activities of Nidia's neighbour, a divorced psychologist looking for love and courting danger. Bold narrative techniques of distance and displacement are employed in this, Puig's last novel: plot and incident are revealed through dialogue, letters, police reports, and statements.

VIRGIN TERRITORY
By Sara Maitland
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Contributors: Brian Morton, Alexander Ross, Sue Gee, Lois Rathbone

This week's offers from The Times Theatre Club

Win a trip to New York

WILLY RUSSELL'S award winning musical *Blood Brothers* is opening in New York at the famous Music Box Theatre. Producer/ director Bill Kenwright has offered The Theatre Club two tickets for the opening night on Sunday, April 25 and an invitation to the first night party. Air Miles have agreed to provide a return trip with British Airways and Radisson Hotels International have arranged accommodation with the New York Raddison Empire Hotel, across the street from the Lincoln Center on 63rd and Broadway.

To win, all you have to do is answer these three questions.

1) Which award-winning play by Willy Russell gave Pauline Collins the BAFTA award for Best Film Actress?

2) In which famous city is *Blood Brothers* set?

3) Producer/director Bill Kenwright has two loves — theatre and football. Of which Merseyside football club is he a director?

To enter, telephone 0891 333373, give your name, address, telephone number and Theatre Club membership number with your answers. Entries close on Monday, March 29. The winner will be the first all correct entry drawn. Calls cost 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at other times.

The prize includes two return flights to New York, departing on Friday, April 23 and returning on Monday, April 26, three nights accommodation, two tickets for the performance on Sunday, April 25 and invitations to the first night party. There is no cash alternative. The editor's decision is final. This competition is exclusively for members. If you are not already a member you can join today (see right). You may then enter the competition.

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Blood Brothers continues its London run at the Phoenix Theatre and Bill Kenwright has agreed to offer members top price seats for any Monday-Thursday evening performance from April 5-22 at the special price of £15. To book your tickets call the booking line on 071-413 1412.

● FIRST NIGHTS

Bill Kenwright has invited Theatre Club members to the first nights of two shows that he is presenting in the West End. Tickets cost £20 which includes a glass of wine and a programme per couple. Please note that these performances start at 7.00pm.

The Deep Blue Sea by Terence Rattigan.
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Anne McElvoy

THE JOURNEY
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CHILDREN AND FOOLS
By Erich Fried
Translated by Martin Chalmers
Serpent's Tail, £8.99 pbk

Perhaps it is just the passage of time, the realisation that the events are receding from us and the attendant fear of losing our horror and pity at them; maybe it is the unification of Germany and its grim side-effects; or very probably it is a mixture of all of these that accounts for the popularity of books set in Nazi Germany.

Louis Begley's *Wartime Lies*, a Jewish boy's eye view of persecution and the subterfuges necessary to escape it, became an unexpected bestseller. Ida Fink's *The Journey* attempts the same project from a feminine perspective, with her semi auto-biographical tale of two middle-class Jewish girls fleeing the ghetto disguised as farm workers.

Fink's prose is spare, pared of emotion and commentary. She has mastered the art of allowing fear to articulate itself in the voice of calm desperation, aided by simple, nightmarish images like the ominous change at the local station: "Nocturnal departures not listed on any schedule amplified the whistling and the dull subterranean clatter of wheels."

The girls set off into a hostile world in which they must forsake their refinement, intelligence and identities to survive. Fink's deconstruction of the effect of the journey on the two sisters challenges the commonplace of adversity bringing its sufferers closer together. This is a world in which weakness spells death, in which the elder sister can only save the younger by upbraiding her for "bawling like an idiot" while at the same time recognising that "the more we needed to be tender to each other the colder and more distant we became."

There is a cool but compelling suspense to this novel which seldom flags. The uncertainty as to whether one of the myriad informers will betray the girls faster than the war will end had me compulsively turning the pages while savouring the stark prose. A perfectly balanced and truly compassionate novel.

Erich Fried's allegories and fables provide a more puckish treatment of the Nazi years and the effect on their victims long after liberation. Better known as a poet (and something of a rent-a-campaigner) in Germany, this is the first publication of his prose work in Britain — shamefully belated, since he lived here for fifty years after escaping Austria in 1938 until his death.

Fried's expertise lies in his depiction of people who succeed in fleeing dictatorship, yet never escape the psychological responses of the hounded man in whom the sound of a click on the telephone line will always inspire panic. But his twists are deftly comical and often profound. In *Hounded to Death* he concludes that the pursuers, even if they destroy their quarry "confer the final honour on him... by weaving a heroic legend around him".

He loves to confound expectations, indulging in linguistic jokes and odd juxtapositions in the funny-serious tradition of the Jewish *shtetls*. At his worst this can be contrived and literary contrivance reads less well in English than in German, particularly as the translation here is patchy.

But his simplest stories are the most powerful and hang in the mind long after reading, like the tale of his bourgeois family's gradual dismemberment, told through the fate of his grandmother's prized green suite; or the Proustian saga *My Doll in Auschwitz*, in which he visits the place of destruction to find himself unmoved by the tired ghoulish paraphernalia of shoes, hair and spectacles, but shaken to the bone by the sight of a mass-produced doll he once possessed as a child. That is Fried at his best.

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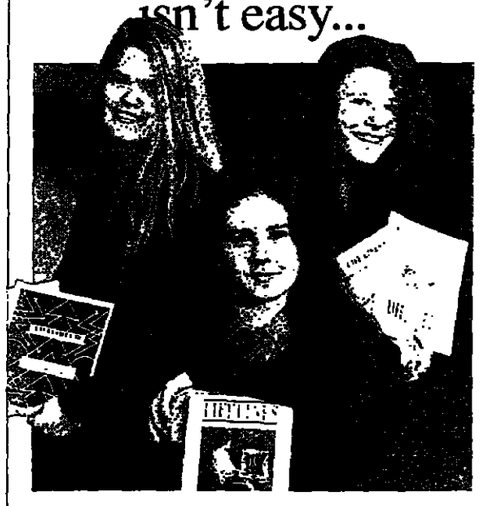

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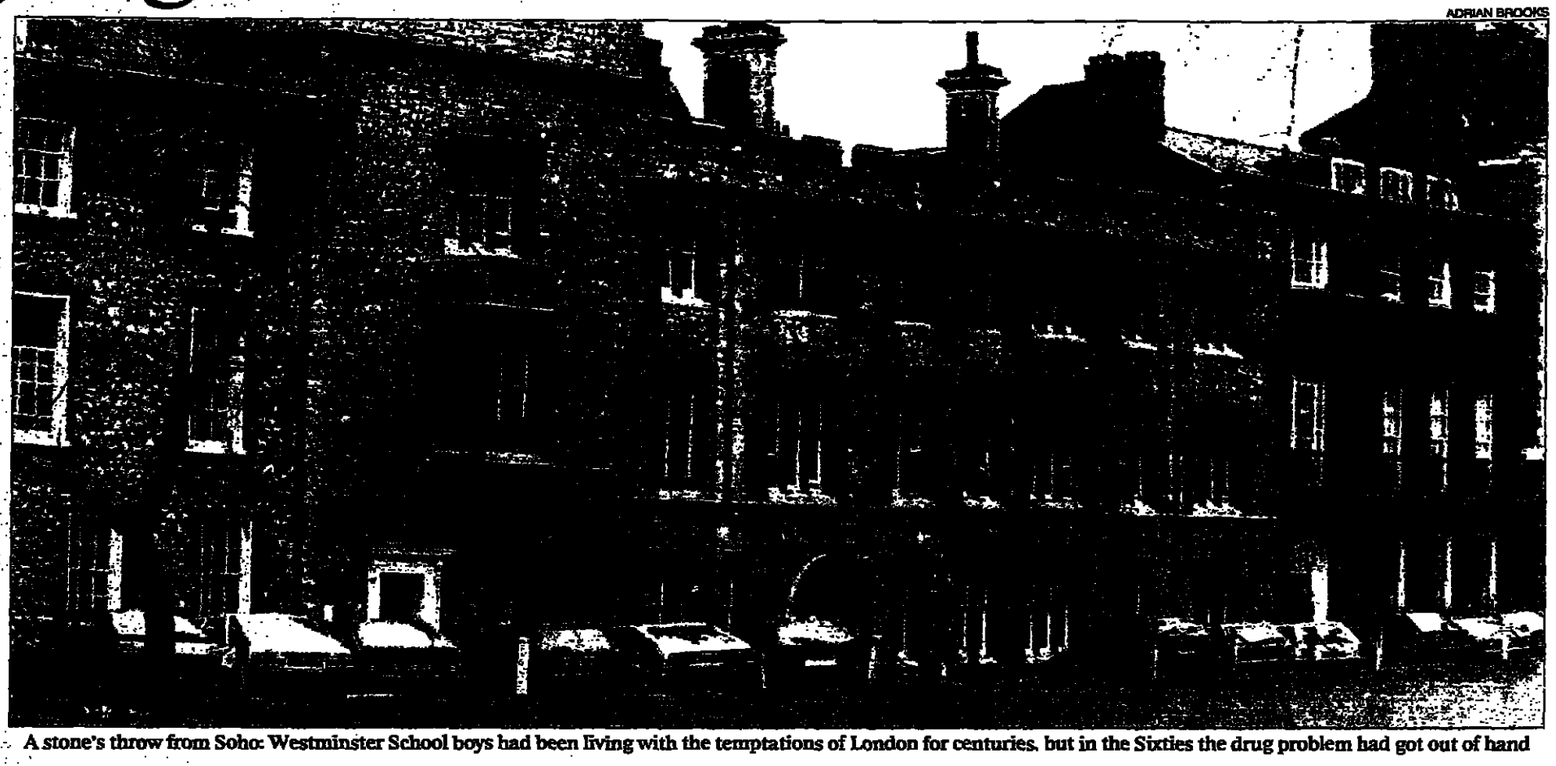

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I knew little about the nature and use of illegal drugs. I assumed that the smoking of cannabis — a drug I have never seen — was confined to fringe groups and that the majority of teenagers, particularly those in public schools, were not affected. At Westminster, the school rules banned the use of tobacco and set strict limits to the boys' access to alcohol, but illegal drugs were not mentioned.

Yet the use of cannabis was so widespread at Westminster that the drug was sold openly in Little Dean's Yard and across the tables in College Hall. I can only assume that the masters knew and had decided to turn a blind eye, or that they did not know, in which case they were dangerously out of touch.

Just how widespread the use of cannabis was is suggested by the comments of the senior boys who were interviewed by the press when the story broke in the *Sunday Telegraph*:

"Half of the senior boys in the upper school take or have tried cannabis," one sixth-former said. "There is nothing wrong in smoking pot but, if you think there is, then a situation exists at Westminster which you would consider serious. We get hold of the stuff both inside and out of the school. Some days boys bring it in and some get it at parties at weekends. But I could get you some immediately if I wanted to."

My own enquiries revealed the almost routine nature of drug abuse. The school monitors said that few boys would risk bringing the stuff into the school. But, as I pointed out to them, there had up to now been no risk in it because the school authorities had chosen to do nothing.

Once I became aware of what was going on, which was halfway through my first term, doing nothing was no longer an option. But the very extent of the problem made it difficult to know how to deal with it. Over a hundred boys could be involved; I could not expel or rusticate them all.

What made me angry was not the behaviour of the boys but the cowardice of the adults. As far as I could see, most of the masters and governors had not wanted to know the truth. One governor seemed to think that all the problems of the Swinging Sixties would go away if I insisted that the boys' long hair was cut. The only person who had mentioned the word "drugs" to me before I moved to Westminster was Stephen Poliakoff, editor of the school magazine.

I considered warning the school that from now on anyone involved with illegal drugs would be expelled, but I did not believe that the warning would be taken seriously, unless I had demonstrated that I really meant what I said. Any expulsion would risk attracting the attention of the press and if journalists discovered that half the sixth form were taking drugs, Westminster's reputation could be badly damaged. But I was prepared to take the risk because I feared that the truth would come out anyway and thought it better that the story should be "Headmaster tackles drug problem" than "Public school sixth form riddled with drugs".

> Most masters and governors did not want to know the truth

Shortly after half term the monitors reported that a 15-year-old boy had been distributing cannabis in College Hall at tea time. I questioned the boy. He did not deny it. He seemed surprised that I should be interested. I expelled him. The boy's housemaster put up no fight and I suspected that he was not altogether sorry to see the boy go.

Almost immediately, other cases came to light. I expelled one more boy and rusticated four others. There I was determined to stop. I called a special assembly, explained why the boys had been punished and warned that possession of illegal drugs would result in rustication, while those who brought drugs into the school for sale or distribution would be expelled. Later, I realised that this distinction between possession and sale was a false one but, at the time, it seemed the best way of limiting the damage that would be caused by a large number of expulsions.

Since I left Westminster, a number of former pupils have told me that they were amazed that I did nothing about boys whose involvement in drugs was well known to everyone. The answer I give to them is that I did not have the evidence.

How far would it have been morally right to go in order to extract the truth? Some headmasters asked the local police to conduct the interrogation for them; others, in more recent years, have insisted on urine tests. I thought that the best way to protect the pupils and the school's reputation was to make it a high risk for boys or girls to use drugs.

I raised the stakes. I decided that any involvement in drugs would result in automatic expulsion. I also extended the rule so that it covered weekends and holidays.

The more draconian the rule, the fewer the drug rumours that surfaced. As time went on I had the impression, as did prospective parents, that Westminster was less of a drug school.

Schoolboys, schoolgirls

GIRLS

Introducing sixth-form girls to Westminster in 1972 seemed a logical step and there were few objections. The principal benefit was to increase the pool of academic talent on which Westminster could draw. It was the admission of girls more than any other factor that enabled the school to raise its overall standard.

The sexual lives of the pupils were a closed book. As had been the case with homosexual relationships in the old days, Westminster was too public a stage on which to conduct a heterosexual affair. It is very unlikely that no boys and girls had sexual relations while both were pupils at Westminster but either they were very good at deception or they kept their relationship well away from the school. Though I insisted that, when it came to illegal drugs, the school's jurisdiction knew no bounds, I could not apply that rule to the pupils' private lives. When a father asked me to threaten his son with expulsion if he spent Saturday night with his girlfriend I told him that the matter was his responsibility not mine.

The girls appeared to be more sexually aware than the boys and than some of the masters. On one occasion, a bachelor housemaster sent two girls to me because they had been "disrupting the morning abbey service". It turned out to be nothing more than laughing together during the hymn, the last line of which was "O, come quickly". They had explained this to the housemaster but he had declared their explanation unsatisfactory.

I admired the resilience of many of the girls. The problems that arose for sixth formers were mostly academic ones which the boys and girls had in common. If the girls took such problems more seriously, it was because they, rather than their parents, had decided to come to Westminster. They were usually less tolerant of bad teaching or the slow returning of work.

Into bed with the media

It is difficult for me, now, to disentangle my own desire to be in the public eye from my more calculated attempts to manipulate Westminster's reputation. Perhaps the two were, in practice, inseparable. Most critics thought that I was more interested in publicising myself than the school.

But the right sort of publicity can give one good school the edge over another and it was this that I was seeking. What attracted parents to Westminster was the academic standard and the Westminster style, "civilised", "tolerant" and "liberal". What put parents off were factors that I could never change: London would always be on the doorstep; the school would always be short of space. The ideal publicity would draw attention to Westminster's good qualities while drawing a veil over its limitations. There were risks. Journalists and television producers could not be bullied and blackmailed. But I thought the rewards were worth it.

The BBC'S documentary film on Westminster was made in 1979. Never before had film cameras been given unconditional access to a public school. I was delighted with it: television critics dwelt on the beautiful surroundings, the excellent teaching. But some governors who had supported the making of the film regretted having done so, and one influential former pupil urged that I be dismissed.

Cannabis at public school

By PETER BIRKETT

FOUR pupils have been rusticated from Westminster School after being caught in possession of cannabis resin. A fifth has been expelled.

The five were told to leave after the new headmaster, Dr. John Rae, 38, started a campaign to stop drug-taking among the 460 boys.

The last left Westminster a week ago. It is not clear when the four rusticated boys will be allowed to return.

BBC study of public school life

By PETER KNIGHT
TV Staff

FOR the first time, BBC television cameras have been allowed into Westminster School, London, to film the day-to-day lives of pupils and staff for a major new documentary to be shown in the late summer.

The programme will cover one week in the life of the public school, showing pupils in class, staff meetings, boarders dormitories.

The cuttings: dealing with journalists was a high risk

Up to the pupils' standards

It was my relations with the teaching staff that made the greatest demands. These were the men and women who looked to me for leadership. When I arrived at Westminster, there were 30 full-time members of staff but, as the school expanded, so did the number of teachers. When I left, there were 51, 48 men and three women. Westminster was the sort of school at which people stayed. A few departed to become headmasters but most remained for ten, 20 even 30 years. That meant that it was an expensive school to run because there were so many men on the top of the salary scale.

It was not always the best schoolmasters who became headmasters; fortunately for me, some of the best decided that they preferred to make their career at Westminster. But the attractions of Westminster and London meant that some who needed the stimulus of change settled in for the duration of their careers and, in later years, became more of a liability than an asset.

Teaching depends so much on personality. I was more interested in how the applicants came across at interview than in their academic qualifications. They would not survive long at Westminster if they did not know their subject, but there was no need for them to be scholars; since many of the pupils would be more intelligent than they were anyway, what mattered was a quality of personality that would command the pupil's respect. A colleague of mine at Harrow had arrived from Cambridge with impressive qualifications but, within a few months, the 15-years-olds had taken the stuffing out of him. He might have succeeded in any number of other jobs but in the classroom he was a man of straw.

TOMORROW Part 3: A resignation issue

● *Edited extracts from* Delusions of Grandeur — A Headmaster's Life, *1966-86, published on March 18 by HarperCollins (£16.99).*

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Barristers whose boys were in trouble sat on my sofa with a sheaf of papers on their knees and addressed me as if I were a jury. A Shakespearian actor whose son I proposed to send home for a few days quoted *Coriolanus*. It would not be a question of the school rejecting his son, he told me in his fine, resonant voice, but of his son rejecting the school.

Parents who tried to pressurise me into pulling strings at Oxford or Cambridge got short shrift. Most colleges were impervious to appeals based on family connections and the old-boy network.

I would have sold a place at Westminster if the price had been high enough, but it never was. "Would a gift help?" a rich Texas oil man asked when he came to see me about his son's entry to Westminster. At least it made a change from the English approach of pulling rank.

Three prime ministers tried their hand at assisting a candidate for entry. Alec Douglas-Home recommended a boy from Bangladesh to whom I gave a place. Edward Heath appealed unsuccessfully against the rejection of a boy who had failed our entrance exam. Harold Wilson invited me to 10 Downing Street. Marcia Falkender, who ran his private office, had sought entry for her two sons to our preparatory department. Since they were bright and likable boys that presented no problems. Wilson greeted me warmly and we talked for an hour about history and politics, about his own school-days and about his belief that King Arthur was buried on the Scilly Isles. Then he stood up and said goodbye. That was all. The boys were never mentioned.

Powerful arguments: Douglas-Home, Heath and Wilson

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2,153.10	Aus New Z	176	+8	...	5.1	...
13,114.70	Bankamerica	3806½	+250	...	...	...
897.10	Bk of Ireland	223	+10	...	5.3	35.7
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1,550.40	Bank Scotland	134	+2	4.3	4.3	21.1
6,665.40	Barclays	414	+6	15.1	5.0	-
4.83	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
6.86	Brown Shipley	43	+7	...	...	...
5.33	Carlisle	17½	...	...	...	...
111.10	Cater Allen	463	+3	26.0	7.5	...
116.80	Cattles	106	...	3.8	4.8	15.5
3,765.00	Chase Manh	2450	+250	...	...	...
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3,772.70	Commerzbk	£120½	...	...	3.3	...
14,266.20	Deutsche Bk	£300¼	+525	...	2.1	...
89.70	First Nat Fin	55	-1	...	...	...
33,935.20	Fuji Bank Y	1172	+136	...	0.4	66.6
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4,928.60	HSBC	604	-30	...	3.3	24.8
4,892.30	HSBC HK	585	-31	...	3.4	24.0
574.50	Hambros	330	+2	13.8	5.6	14.6
18.80	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.9	...
18.80	King Shaxson	119	...	5.0	5.6	...
482.30	Kleinwort Ben	369†	-34	16.0	5.8	-
7,023.10	Lloyds	553	+1	18.4	4.4	7.9
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17.60	Rea Bros	45	-1	0.5	1.5	...
2,020.00	Ryl Bk Scot	257	+7	8.8	4.6	...
888.50	Schroders	1770	+67	18.0	1.4	20.6
1,692.20	Stand Chart	714	+6	...	3.8	...
2,620.90	TSB	173	-10	6.4	4.9	...
17.50	Union Disc	92	+8	...	...	...
1,299.30	Warburg SG	606	-28	18.0	4.0	17.9
87.40	-do- 6% 'A'	209½	-6½	...	3.9	...
4,081.20	Wells Fargo	7525	+500	...	1.4	...
2,770.10	Westpac	158	+2	...	5.1	...
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4,993.90	Bass	576	-4	18.9	4.4	12.5
294.10	Boddington	249	+7	7.3	4.0	-
206.30	Bulmer (HP)	393	+16	9.0	3.1	18.1
29.10	Burtonwood Brw	140	-8	4.4	4.2	10.2
141.50	Devenish (JA)	263	-1	7.8	4.0	14.8
17.50	Eldridge P 'A'♠	70	-3	...	4.8	23.6
204.20	Fullers Brewing	[illegible]	...	...	4.2	8.9
16.30	Fuller Smi 'A'	343	-3	...	2.6	14.4
9,732.60	Grand Met	472	+13	12.3	3.5	15.6
194.00	Greenall Grp	400	-1	11.7	3.9	13.3
225.50	Greene King	533	-5	11.6	2.9	13.9
4,452.50	Guinness	470	+23	10.8	3.1	13.5
57.50	Hardys Hanson	230	-13	7.9	4.6	12.8
2.97	Heavitree	113	...	3.0	3.6	-
1.80	-do- 'A' Ltd	73	...	...	5.2	10.9
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11.70	Mansfield	330	+5	13.6	2.6	15.2
22.10	Minton Thmp	244	+4	4.9	2.7	14.3
4.77	Matthew Clark	425	...	15.7	4.9	12.7
22.00	Merrydown	250	...	...	3.1	19.5
163.56	Morland	484	+7	8.4	2.3	19.5
5.40	Paramount	17½	+1	...	2.1	19.1
5,247.50	SA Breweries	943	...	...	2.8	-
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2,164.90	Whitbread 'A'	480	+14	16.9	4.7	13.5
72.20	-do- 'B'	1020	-23	16.9	2.2	29.6
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25.10	Allen	156	...	...	5.4	10.5
159.50	Amec	73	-6	10.2	...	7.3
2.91	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
29.40	Ashtead	177†	-2	4.1	3.1	22.1
77.90	Attwoods	134	+4	5.0	5.0	19.4
1,019.70	BPB Ind	237	-15	...	4.7	32.1
7.00	Baggeridge Brk	78	+2	3.1	5.3	26.2
3.03	Bailey Ben Con	29	-2	0.5	...	...
16.00	Barcen	86	-1	1.2	1.9	15.6
227.40	Barratt Dev	136	-2	2.0	2.1	14.0
176.30	Bellway	302	+4	11.5	4.2	21.0
4.11	Bellwinch	25	...	...	...	...
259.50	Berkeley Gp	377	-17	...	2.4	23.3
2.96	Ben Bros	53	-8	...	...	2.2
11.50	Blockleys	45	-2	3.3	...	44.7
1,471.00	Blue Circle	214	-20	11.2	7.0	21.4
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638.40	CRH	232	+6	...	4.0	...
1.46	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
70.30	Costain	39½	+2½	4.7	...	...
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8.27	Cussins	58	+12	...	...	...
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12.10	Edmond Hldgs	23	...	1.8	...	9.4
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16.10	Erith	34	+2	2.0	...	...
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174.00	Heywd Wlm	239	+43	12.5	7.2	-
27.30	Higgs & Hill	62	...	9.0	...	9.5
14.00	How Gp	34	-3	2.5	...	11.3
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4.94	Ln Clydesdale♠	55	...	4.5	10.9	20.7
14.10	Lovell (YJ)	77	-½	...	...	7.7
112.50	Manders	304	+9	9.0	4.0	-
287.90	Marley	162	-8	4.3	5.5	25.7
90.60	Marshalls	75	+2	...	8.9	25.1
30.80	Maunders (J)	125	-1	4.9	5.3	11.4
81.90	McAlpine (A)	145†	+7	6.5	6.0	25.1
21.80	McCarthy & S	31	-2	0.5	6.1	...
295.30	Meyer Intl	208	-30	16.5	7.4	30.7
1.21	Miskin Gp♠	4	...	...	...	...
91.80	Mowlem (J)	87	-2	10.5	...	...
12.50	NSM	73	...	...	...	...
9.20	Needler♠	49	...	...	7.8	26.6
153.00	Newman Tnks	127	-1	...	8.4	-
217.60	Persimmon	234	-1	8.6	5.0	-
3.32	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
15.30	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.6	9.0
61.50	Prowting	96	+5	3.4	4.7	...
3.99	Quiligotti♠	9½	...	...	...	...
1,124.90	RMC Gp	576	-48	20.0	4.6	21.4
176.40	Raine Ind	94	-3	6.0	8.7	15.4
2.60	Ramus♠	23	...	...	...	...
2,131.50	Redland	445	-35	25.0	7.5	19.1
10.80	Roskel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
648.20	Rugby Group	222	+8	6.4	3.9	16.7
3.45	Rydal-Bvea	33	...	...	...	5.9
17.10	Sharpe & Fisher	83	+2	4.0	6.4	...
34.30	Sheffield Insl	143	...	5.4	5.0	37.0
9.34	Sheriff Hldgs♠	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
2.92	Shorco♠	85	...	...	8.2	13.1
22.20	Smart (J)	220	...	8.5	5.2	10.0
18.50	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	7.3	6.6
798.50	Tarmac	109	-6	5.5	6.7	45.1
40.50	Tay Homes	185	-1	5.8	4.2	10.2
350.80	Taylor Woodrw	84	-3½	9.5	...	11.9
175.80	Tilbury Dougls	520	-10	33.0	8.5	17.1
2.32	Torex Hire♠	23	...	...	2.3	...
195.50	Travis Perkins	192	-1	8.0	5.6	22.2
13.80	Try Group	32	+1	6.0	...	4.4
2.84	Tudor♠	26	...	...	...	...
30.40	Vibroplant	60	+1	3.6	7.3	12.1
17.90	Ward Hldgs	34	-3	...	...	...
0.90	Waterhouse	36	...	...	...	...
93.60	Watts Blake	450	-4	9.3	2.8	23.4
1.37	Wescol♠	13	...	...	...	...
77.10	Westbury	116	-3	...	5.6	...
4.66	West Scaffold♠	9	-½	...	...	...
1.59	Wiggins	10	+4½	...	...	...
289.40	Wilson Bowdn	373	-3	8.7	3.1	19.1
312.30	Wilson (C)	165	+1	3.9	3.2	28.2
394.70	Wimpey G	123	-11	...	5.7	47.3
3.96	YRM	30	...	4.0	...	3.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
783.40	ADT	663	+43	...	...	-
9.33	Adam & Harvey	218	-5	11.0	6.7	3.4
7.54	Air London♠	85	...	...	5.5	10.5
3.23	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
191.80	Auto Sec	169	-4	4.9	3.9	13.7
920.50	BET Ord	99½	+5½	...	8.7	14.6
16.20	BNB Res	67	...	4.9	9.8	7.9
79.00	BPP	330	...	6.9	3.0	17.5
45.70	Barbour Index	275	...	7.2	3.5	20.4
15.30	Boustead	18	+1	0.7	5.2	36.8
52.70	Brit Data Mgt	226	+20	...	2.4	18.7
2.23	Broadcastle♠	14	...	...	...	...
7.57	Brooks Service	63	-2	4.0	...	20.1
51.50	CRT Gp	98	...	2.4	3.3	11.2
73.00	Capita Group	480	+7	6.3	1.8	-
26.80	Cantex Plc	33½	...	0.5	2.0	12.7
50.00	Chiltern Capital	54	+½	...	...	...
7.03	Christie	30	+3	...	...	...
757.00	Chubb Sec	271	-11	...	1.4	29.9
1.90	Comaco♠	31	-1	...	...	...
4.46	Corp Services	15	-2½	...	...	...
11.60	Dart	76	+1	3.3	5.8	8.6
189.50	Davis Service	226	...	7.9	4.8	17.0
5.21	EW Facts	97	...	...	5.9	7.2
13.40	Gardiner	12½	-¼	1.3	13.9	3.9
7.86	Gardner (DC)	33	...	...	...	-
929.80	Hays	231	+3	4.6	2.7	22.6
136.60	Hogg Robinsn	198	...	6.3	4.2	14.0
30.40	Holmes Protectn	69	-1	...	...	4.1
4,898.50	Hutch Whamp	141	-19	...	...	15.2
493.10	ISS B DKr	£118	+750	...	0.9	16.7
2,996.60	Inchcape	583	-47	12.5	2.9	24.8
157.50	Johnson Clean	805	+20	25.7	4.3	16.8
89.90	Lep	9¼	+¼	...	...	...
23.20	Mille Gp	223	-1	2.7	1.6	18.4
843.00	Manpower	1133	-6	...	...	...
26.30	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
13.10	Pennas♠	277	+26	...	1.0	70.2
2.64	Prime People♠	3½	-½	...	...	...
71.80	Proudfoot Alex	116	+11	19.5	22.8	2.5
43.30	RCO	405†	-5	12.8	4.6	13.9
9.93	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
24.10	Reed Executive	47	-6	...	...	...
33.80	Reliance Sec♠	151	+6	...	4.0	15.2
1.19	Rentaminster♠	4#	...	...	...	...
2,213.90	Rentokil	228	-4	1.6	1.0	33.5
15.20	Rolfe & Nolan	270	...	6.2	3.1	18.1
1,100.20	Salvesen (C)	382	-8	7.0	2.4	21.1
2.26	Scott Pickford♠	34	-1	...	3.1	9.4
37.50	Securiguard	185	-13	9.4	6.8	9.8
11.80	Select App♠	5½	...	...	...	...
107.00	Serco Gp	930	+67	14.0	2.0	-
19.60	Shered Cmps	322	+2	...	3.5	8.7
67.90	Sketchley	117	-1	3.0	3.4	14.2
83.30	Warner Howrd	353	...	5.9	2.2	19.9
17.80	Welpac	40	...	0.6	2.0	...
20.30	Wills Gp	20½	-1	...	0.7	28.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
624.00	Allied Colloids	238	...	3.9	2.2	18.9
385.00	Amersham	739	+19	12.5	2.3	27.4
14.90	Anglo Utd	4½	...	0.8	...	...
5,681.20	BASF DM	9950	+300	...	7.0	...
251.80	BTP	269	+3	8.8	4.4	19.7
7,579.80	Bayer DM50	£115¼	+21¾	...	4.9	...
66.80	Blagden	148	+10	9.5	8.9	-
108.00	Brent Chems	160	-5	7.4	6.4	-
167.80	Br Bio-Tech	470	-10	...	...	...
12.60	Caird Gp	22	-1	2.5	15.7	5.5
40.50	Canning (W)	143	...	7.2	6.8	11.5
2,390.00	Courtaulds	596	+1	13.0	2.9	16.2
334.30	Croda	256	-1	7.5	3.9	19.4
154.70	Ellis & Everard	188	...	7.0	5.0	17.1
5.53	Euro Colour	18½	-1	0.6	4.7	...
100.30	Evode	138	...	3.5	3.5	-
83.80	Halstead (J)	282	...	...	2.8	15.1
366.00	Hickson	223	+1	7.8	4.7	14.2
6,238.30	Hoechst	£105½	...	...	...	...
9,082.10	ICI	1272	+27	...	5.9	33.7
1,314.50	Laporte	685	+5	18.9	3.7	18.4
134.80	Leigh	213	+10	7.8	4.9	17.4
12.20	MTM	13½	-½	1.8	...	2.7
3,414.70	Norsk Hydro	1602½	+40½	...	1.7	...
101.30	Paterson Zoch	415	...	11.4	3.7	17.9
85.80	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
125.60	Plysu	265	+2	6.0	3.0	17.9
30.10	Porvair	197†	-5	3.6	2.4	-
17.20	Suncliffe Speak	10	+½	...	...	...
106.20	Wardle Storeys	430	...	16.0	5.0	17.3
32.30	Wlstnhlme R	455	+10	16.3	4.8	20.0
177.00	Yorks Chem	309	+5	...	2.6	20.8
252.20	Yule Catto	297	+2	5.4	2.4	18.1

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34.90	Alexon	86	+1	...	4.7	4.7
65.10	Amber Day	56	+1	3.1	7.4	15.3
847.20	Argos Plc	286	-4	6.4	3.0	19.0
178.40	Ashley (Laura)	76	-3	0.1	0.2	79.5
233.80	Asprey♠	293	...	...	2.2	23.8
5.12	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
67.10	Beattie (J) 'A'	145	-3	5.7	5.3	13.9
30.30	Bentalls	83	...	3.8	4.3	67.7
264.70	Betterware	260	-3	...	0.6	35.8
7.95	Blacks Leis	25	...	3.3	...	5.2
344.40	Body Shop	184	+9	1.6	1.2	21.2
69.80	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	...	...
289.10	Brown (N)	396	+21	6.0	2.0	24.5
1,062.20	Burton	76	+2	...	3.6	...
23.80	Cantors	143	+1	...	2.5	19.0
33.50	Church	310	+5	12.5	5.5	-
20.50	Clinton Cards	151	-4	3.7	3.3	...
1,321.30	Coats Viyella	229	+2	7.0	4.1	26.2
19.20	Colourvision♠	95	-4	...	...	18.1
110.30	Courts Furnish	452	+8	5.0	1.5	22.7
2.24	Crown Eye♠	140	...	...	5.7	6.5
1,598.80	Dairy Farm Intl	96	-7	...	...	15.5
71.70	Dewhirst (I)	58	+1½	0.7	1.7	19.2
931.40	Dixons Grp	237	+12	6.0	3.4	27.9
581.50	Dunhill	342	-17	7.7	3.0	11.9
8.02	ERA Gp	14	+1	...	...	6.5
4.80	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.3	8.9
12.70	Essex Furn	111	-3	...	3.3	18.6
135.80	Etam	208	-11	6.6	4.2	18.6
428.50	Fine Art Dev	539	-11	11.0	2.7	20.7
2.39	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
15.30	Formminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
7.93	French Conn♠	50	+7½	...	...	...
4.69	Gabbicci♠	40	+1	...	6.7	8.0
22.00	Gent SR	61	-4	2.0	4.4	17.7
7.89	Goldsmiths Gp	36	-1	1.8	...	...
143.90	GUS	2645	+45	40.0	2.0	21.1
4,023.40	-do- 'A'	1665	-25	40.0	3.2	13.3
4.19	Hampden Grp♠	15	...	...	7.6	5.0
146.10	Harstone	142	-19	4.8	4.6	8.7
23.10	Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
1.72	Heritage♠	39	-1	...	...	...
3.58	Honeysuckle♠	49†	-6	...	2.7	6.9
7.80	Hse of Lerose	137	...	10.3	10.0	20.8
3.59	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	...	...
2,739.50	Kingfisher	549	+7	...	3.3	16.5
24.30	Leslie Wise Gp	70†	-1	4.0	7.6	-
108.70	Liberty	665	-3	7.2	1.5	44.6
345.40	Lloyds Chem	293	+9	5.5	2.5	11.4
738.40	MFI	127	-7	...	3.9	16.9
9,783.80	Marks Spencer	355	+14	7.1	2.7	21.6
249.60	Menzies (John)	449	-16	10.0	3.0	14.9
24.50	Moss Bros	147	+5	5.0	4.5	23.3
594.10	Next	151	+6	0.7	0.6	31.9
4.30	Oliver (G)	17	-2	1.0	...	...
114.80	Oriflame Intl	223	+3	...	5.4	14.5
75.50	Pentos	52½	+½	1.5	3.9	-
111.20	QS Hldgs	283	+8	4.7	2.2	21.0
52.80	Ramers Group	18	...	2.4	17.8	...
16.40	Rhino Grp♠	32	...	...	...	...
152.60	Sherwood Gp	147	-13	...	2.1	14.1
1,460.80	Sears	97	-2½	...	4.8	28.6
1,180.50	Smith WH 'A'	434	+5	13.4	4.1	19.3
1.17	Specialeyes♠	7½	...	...	...	...
78.00	Storehouse	192	+5	5.0	3.5	...
101.60	T & S Stores	159	-2	5.5	4.6	10.4
54.00	Tie Rack	105	-2	0.5	0.6	...
111.50	Time Products	212	-12	7.5	4.7	20.7
6.99	Usher (Frank)♠	100†	...	...	6.7	7.9
22.60	Vivat	41	-1	1.0	3.3	-
2.99	Wearwell♠	40	...	...	...	7.1
297.20	Wickes	98	-1	...	...	43.5
4.72	Wld of Leather♠	58	...	...	...	68.2
53.70	Wyevale♠	175	-15	...	3.1	...
4.24	Xcel-vision♠	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
19.40	AB Elec	68	+1	...	...	...
239.70	ACT Group	170	-7	4.5	3.5	16.7
34.40	Acal♠	238	...	...	3.3	19.0
79.70	Acorn Comput♠	120	-6	...	...	...
48.60	Admiral	450	-3	5.4	1.6	-
56.00	Alba	121	+1	4.7	5.3	15.8
7.20	Alphameric	28	-2	...	...	...
206.30	Amstrad	35½	+0	0.4	...	...
22.60	App Holo♠	109	+1	...	...	...
4.21	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
127.70	Astec	41½	-2	...	...	...
26.30	Beales Hunter	268	...	9.2	4.6	14.1
7.42	Bennett & Fountain	7	+1	...	...	...
1,219.00	BICC	364	-10	...	7.3	28.0
129.00	Blick	530†	-5	9.2	2.4	20.2
440.20	Borland♠	1950	...	...	...	...
483.70	Bowthorpe	296	+10	6.0	2.7	20.4
26,308.70	BT	425½	-7½	14.4	4.5	15.0
2.14	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.6	...
51.50	Burnfield	150	+6	5.7	5.3	-
7,736.10	Cable Wireless	713	-10	13.2	2.5	22.0
32.80	Chloride	15½	...	...	...	...
45.90	CML Micro♠	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
12.60	Comptr People	91	+2	5.4	...	11.7
275.10	Cray Elect	136	-2½	...	0.5	11.1
36.90	Critchley	330	+9	...	2.5	22.7
642.50	Delta	435	-13	14.0	4.3	17.2
12.90	Denmans Ele	297	...	...	2.7	-
156.90	Domino	613	-5	7.2	1.6	20.9
76.70	Dowding Mills	53	-½	2.5	6.1	17.4
63.40	Dreck♠	990	+12	...	1.3	24.1
836.40	Electrocomponts	400	+5	7.0	2.3	21.6
45.20	El Data Pre	520†	-27	5.1	1.3	14.3
18.00	Electron House	70	-3	2.3	4.5	21.3
18.60	Emess	17½	-2	1.0	...	...
236.50	Eurotherm	540	+8	8.0	2.0	24.6
547.70	FKI	124	-3	2.3	2.5	24.0
493.20	Farnell Elect	370	+5	5.8	2.1	20.2
2.46	Feedback♠	35	...	...	...	...
159.10	Ferranti	17	+2	...	...	...
22.00	First Tech	148	-3	...	...	...
11.00	Forward Grp♠	152	-1	...	2.2	18.3
5.06	Forward Tech	17½	...	...	...	...
7,986.10	GEC	293½	-19	9.6	4.4	15.5
107.60	Graseby	170	+5	18.9	8.5	14.8
1.48	Hitdarea	31	...	...	1.7	12.7
428.30	Hoskyns Gp	458	+2	2.4	0.7	59.0
5.08	INSTEM♠	113	-2	...	3.7	-
66.40	Jones Stroud	366	+7	8.0	2.9	15.9
2.28	Kembrey	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
116.70	Kenwood App	318	-2	...	...	16.9
9.07	Kewill Sys♠	76	...	...	...	3.8
16.40	Kode	176	+26	5.5	4.3	-
4.99	Laser-Scan♠	31	...	...	...	-
51.90	LINMS♠	299	+37	...	...	...
16.60	Lec Refrig	225	-8	14.5	7.0	21.0
349.40	Life Sciences	156	-14	3.5	3.1	-
119.90	Logica	195	+10	3.6	2.5	22.9
3.84	LPA Ind♠	46	-1	...	10.2	13.0
108.00	MR Data Mngmt	192	-8	4.3	2.9	18.8
146.30	Macro 4	680	-8	...	2.6	21.6
90.70	Menvier-Swa	560	-26	...	2.1	18.4
323.20	Micro Focus	2325	+15	...	...	21.4
87.20	Microgen	222	-2	7.2	4.4	15.1
19.00	Microvitec♠	29	+1½	...	...	...
188.00	Misys	487	...	6.1	1.7	22.2
103.50	Mitel	131	+3	...	...	...
13.70	MMT Comput♠	129	-4	...	3.6	16.4
4.71	Molynx	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
40.70	MTL Inst♠	231	-7	...	2.1	-
21.70	Muirhead Elect	144	+1	3.0	2.8	17.7
10.90	Murray Enter	148	+5	1.6	1.7	-
12,784.50	NYNEX	6200	-100	...	...	...
47.00	Neotronics	183	...	2.6	1.9	23.6
1.45	Newmark (L)	49	+2	...	...	...
6.24	Norank♠	90	+10	...	1.5	13.5
7.29	Northamber	41	...	0.5	1.6	...
15.90	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
107.20	Oxford Inst	222	+1	4.3	2.6	14.9
14.40	P-E Internt'l	68	-1	6.2	...	...
31.60	P&P	57	-4	1.4	3.3	29.9
88.50	Peek	77	...	3.4	5.9	22.8
10.60	Pegasus♠	165	-14	...	5.2	-
11.60	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
2,681.70	-do- Lmp nv	875	+25	...	...	...
20.40	Pifco	441	+1	7.7	2.4	37.4
14.50	-do- 'A' Voting	420	...	7.7	2.5	35.6
4.32	Plasmec♠	93	...	...	3.6	11.9
24.20	Pressac	95	...	2.4	3.4	18.5
28.00	Psion♠	118	+10	...	2.7	...
1.03	Ptarmigan	7	-½	...	...	...
558.60	Racal Elect	200	...	1.5	1.9	23.7
8.29	Radamec	43	-1	0.5	1.5	28.4
16.60	Radius♠	61	-8	...	6.1	20.5
4.55	Real Time♠	65	+1	...	6.2	5.9
6.50	Riva♠	25	+1	...	...	...
115.40	Sage Gp	563	+2	9.0	2.1	18.0
24.60	Scantronic	65	...	2.9	6.1	20.5
51.20	Scholes Grp	135	...	5.0	4.9	28.5
255.70	Sema Gp	281	-16	2.8	1.3	-
12.10	Silvermines	37	...	...	7.8	...
4.00	Soundtracks♠	40	...	...	7.3	13.5
2,695.70	TDK	2050	+262½	...	1.4	21.6
0.58	TDS Circuits♠	6½	+½	...	...	...
97.00	Telemetrix	109	-5	0.6	0.7	38.0
3,480.20	THORN EMI	853	-21	30.1	4.7	22.0
13.70	Thorpe FW	106	-2	2.5	3.1	10.9
8.42	Total Systems♠	84	-1	2.2	3.6	15.0
66.40	Tunstall	415	-1	6.0	1.9	18.6
150.90	Unitech	221	-3	5.8	3.5	38.7
7.06	Verity♠	7	-1½	...	...	...
37.60	Vistec♠	31	+2½	...	1.3	26.4
4,110.50	Vodafone	409	-5½	...	1.9	20.1
107.60	Volex	409	+9	...	5.5	20.8
2.71	Western Selectn	18	+1	...	...	...
31.70	Wholesale Ftgs	223	-1	11.7	7.0	21.2

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,003.30	East Midlands	460	-3	17.1	5.0	8.8
1,293.30	Eastern Elect	479	+3	16.7	4.6	11.9
1,253.90	Hydro-Elect	257	+1	10.1	4.1	11.6
1,068.70	London Elect	490	+11	16.8	4.6	9.4
636.80	Manweb	536	-6	18.2	4.5	7.7
1,060.10	Midlands Elec	506	-3	17.2	4.5	10.6
657.40	Northern Elec	534	+4	18.5	4.6	7.9
408.40	Norweb	526	+4	17.7	4.5	9.9
2,587.60	Scottish Power	247½	+5½	10.1	4.3	11.8
656.10	Seeboard	515	+7	17.2	4.5	9.3
561.80	Sth Wales	553	+6	19.4	4.7	8.8
621.70	Sth Western	505	+11	17.4	4.6	9.1
1,325.70	Southern Elec	491	+12	16.6	4.5	9.7
1,111.10	Yorkshire Elec	536	+6	17.7	4.4	9.9
4,263.80	National Powr	334½	+8½	9.6	3.6	11.0
2,627.00	PowerGen	339½	+5½	9.2	3.7	10.4

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.90	Aitken Hume	56	+3	0.5	...	35.8
12.00	BWD♠	70	+1	...	6.3	10.6
17.40	Baltic Plc	49	+1	1.0	2.7	-
361.90	Caledonia	436	...	14.4	4.4	16.7
35.00	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.6	11.8
56.20	Candover	252	+4	10.2	5.6	-
27.80	Flextech♠	81	-2	...	...	8.0
191.50	Govett	234	+3	...	7.3	-
40.00	Ivory Sime	138	+4	...	6.0	14.6
3.74	LIT	6½	+½	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	0.6
185.00	Lon Forfaitng♠	185	+10	...	6.2	-
15.60	Manakin	77	+1	...	...	...
10.10	Nat Home Loan	9¼	...	...	...	...
16.00	Newmarket	45	...	...	...	...
51.20	Rathbone Brs	260	+8	...	2.6	18.4
49.30	Rutland Tst	20	...	0.8	5.3	11.4
31.60	S & U	295	-8	...	3.7	10.6
121.20	Singer & Fried	63	-2	2.6	5.6	-
180.20	Sotheby's	900	...	...	4.6	...
266.00	STF Capital	98	...	3.0	4.1	17.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,112.20	Amer Express	1909¼	+184½	...	...	...
380.60	Electra	220	-11	6.7	4.1	30.0
201.20	Henderson Ad	940	-10	41.0	5.8	20.7
283.20	Invesco MIM	117	-1	...	3.4	17.2
1,983.90	Jardine Strat	210	-5	...	3.5	9.4
592.20	MAI	183	-3	6.0	4.4	13.3
835.00	MAM	1434	-3	11.5	3.5	17.7
592.70	M & G	783	+23	20.0	3.4	20.8
53.30	Smith New Ct	176	-22	4.5	3.4	7.0
20.60	Sterling Tst♠	97#	...	...	...	8.5
40.00	Trio Hldgs	72	+4	...	5.6	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,227.00	AB Food	496	-13	14.0	3.8	11.4
2,050.60	ASDA Group	70½	+5	...	3.0	22.8
73.30	Acatos & Hutch	222	-1	6.5	3.9	12.8
428.80	Albert Fisher	71	...	3.7	7.0	11.8
4,295.20	Argyll	383½	+2½	9.7	3.4	15.1
28.10	Ashley Group	20	-1½	0.7	5.0	...
23.00	Assoc Fisheries	131	-3	7.0	7.1	24.2
16.80	Banks (S C)	200†	-1	8.2	5.5	10.0
65.60	Barr (AG)	347	...	6.5	2.5	-
7.42	Bensons Crsp♠	92	...	...	4.1	9.8
128.10	Berisford Intl	129	+1	...	...	...
432.40	Booker	479	-7	21.7	6.6	13.4
23.70	Borthwick	41	+½	1.1	3.6	28.6
217.80	Brake Bros	449	+6	5.7	1.7	18.8
73.10	Budgen	45	...	...	...	15.3
3,692.70	Cadbury-Schw	497	+2	...	3.6	18.1
5.72	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	6.2	16.8
36.70	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
18.60	Cranswick♠	185	+2	...	5.4	13.7
4.84	Cullens	18½	-1	0.5	3.6	9.9
32.50	Dalepak	280	-10	6.0	2.9	12.6
1,101.10	Dalgety	484	+11	19.5	5.5	13.9
2.99	Daniels S	36	+1	0.2	0.9	39.3
33.40	Everest	133	+6	...	3.5	18.2
65.00	Farepak♠	288	...	...	2.3	20.4
2.05	Fardngford	8½	...	...	...	...
78.80	Finlay (James)	79	-1	4.1	7.0	14.8
251.90	Fyffes	90	+2	...	1.7	-
335.10	Geest	468	+16	7.9	2.3	17.7
13.30	Globalia	11	...	...	6.1	10.1
17.00	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
434.80	Hazlewood Fds	188	+8	6.4	4.3	11.4
1,055.10	Hillsdown	154	-8	...	8.0	11.6
10.60	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
668.80	Iceland Frozen	735	-30	8.5	1.5	19.7
53.50	JLI Group	129	...	4.5	4.7	18.6
1,284.40	Kwik Save	834	...	16.0	2.6	17.4
134.60	Low (Wm)	252	+5	8.4	4.4	12.2
62.00	Matthews (B)	50	...	4.5	...	10.6
14.00	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
1,175.80	Morrison (W)	167	-4	...	0.5	28.2
84.20	Nichols (JN)	533	...	12.3	3.1	15.2
1,553.10	Nthn Foods	272	-4	...	3.9	15.0
6.87	Nthmbrn Fns♠	19	...	...	...	7.9
252.20	Nurdin Peack	200	-13	5.5	3.7	13.6
118.60	Park Foods	223	-17	3.2	1.9	26.7
125.60	Perkins Food	106	+8	4.4	5.7	-
39.70	PizzaExpress	75	-3	...	0.9	43.1
978.50	RHM	225	...	...	6.7	14.0
3.79	Regina Hlth♠	2½	...	...	...	...
9,318.80	Sainsbury J	525	-9	8.7	2.2	19.6
2.92	Sentry Farms♠	68	+20	...	2.0	15.9
60.90	Sims Food	205	-6	11.2	7.3	11.1
1,517.30	Tate & Lyle	425	-7	12.0	3.8	15.6
4,946.10	Tesco	233	+4	6.3	3.3	12.0
126.10	Thorntons	198	-12	3.6	2.5	18.3
14.90	Treats♠	158†	-2	...	3.0	18.0
812.40	Unigate	349½	-20½	15.3	5.8	12.5
1,955.60	Utd Biscuits	378	+3	15.3	5.4	13.2
15.10	Usborne	23	...	0.4	2.3	14.1
126.90	Watson & Phil	327	+2	13.3	5.4	17.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

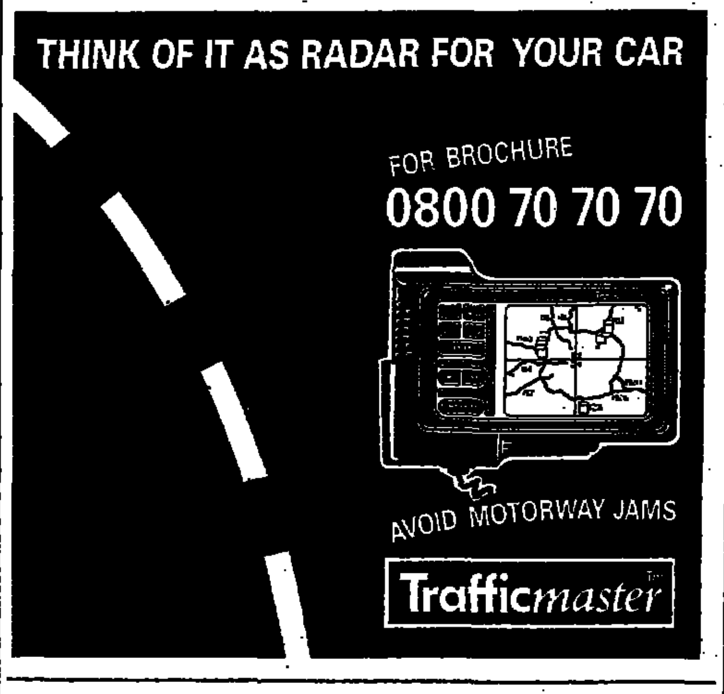
Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.92	Aberdn Str Ho	16	...	...	...	...
161.90	City Centre Rest	85	-1	1.4	2.3	23.8
1,664.60	Forte	203	+4	9.9	6.5	...
30.00	Friendly Hotels	172	-1	5.5	4.3	13.9
2.00	Harmony Leis♠	7½	-½	...	...	...
26.40	Jurys Hotel	100	-1	...	6.1	11.8
2,163.10	Ladbroke	199	-3½	...	7.7	28.4
446.00	Mandarin Orntl	66	-5	...	5.3	17.1
45.90	Queens Moat	45	-6	2.8	8.5	6.0
166.20	-do- 7¼% cvpr	88†	-5½	7.5	11.4	...
3.15	Regal Hotels♠	1½	+½	...	...	...
44.90	Resort Hotels	44	-2	3.4	10.5	8.6
203.90	Savoy Hotel 'A'	713	...	7.0	1.3	...
168.80	Stakis	52†	+5	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40.50	AAF Inds	220	-2	...	4.5	11.6
440.70	AAH	574	-3	16.3	4.2	10.6
20.60	AIM	148	+1	6.5	5.9	9.2
330.30	APV	112½	-3½	5.4	6.4	20.3
120.40	ASW	180	-2	8.0	4.5	...
99.70	Adwest	152	-2	7.0	6.1	22.9
4.75	Aerospace Eng	12½	-3½	1.6	...	7.6
54.40	Airsprung	461	+1	7.5	2.2	12.8
43.80	Alexdra W	130	-1	3.6	3.7	70.3
3.93	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
76.40	Alumasc	520†	+10	11.0	2.8	15.9
17.60	Alvis	32	-1	1.0	4.2	6.6
16.40	Amber Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
1.56	Amberley Gp♠	26	-5	...	5.1	...
20.56	Andrews Sykes	144	-1	4.4	4.1	...
345.50	Antofagasta	620	-1	...	2.3	20.1
11.50	Armour	45	+1	1.4	4.4	13.2
44.40	Ash & Lacy	170	...	6.4	5.0	14.0
8.54	Ass Br Eng	9½	...	0.0	2.1	...
113.60	Avon Rubber	545	-9	10.5	4.0	21.3
20.80	Assoc Nursg♠	190	...	...	...	7.3
55.50	Atlas Equipt♠	685	+5	...	4.1	14.1
4.80	Ayrshire Metal	48	...	...	...	...
533.00	BBA	178	+5	7.5	6.1	-
1.86	BLP Group♠	28	...	...	...	...
66.50	BM Gp	60	-2	5.0	11.1	2.5
3,559.70	BOC	751	-3	23.2	4.0	16.5
160.70	BSG	77½	-4½	3.2	5.5	21.0
137.20	BSS Group	444	+5	...	5.6	10.5
12,155.10	BTR	610½	+28½	...	4.0	19.7
104.20	BWI	219	...	6.7	4.1	24.1
20.90	Babcock	39½	+½	3.1	...	8.0
4.12	Bailey (CH)	7½	+½	...	...	...
315.60	Baird (Wm)	280	+11	8.9	4.2	18.0
1,323.70	Barlow Rand	675	-6½	...	5.6	3.4
3.70	Barrett (H)	7#	...	2.0	...	16.2
70.90	Baynes (Charles)	52	-3	1.3	3.2	19.2
0.81	Beauford	7	...	1.8	...	...
6.62	Beckenham♠	7½	...	...	8.9	...
1.26	Bedford (W)♠	27	-1	...	...	...
31.20	Benson Group	24†	-1	0.1	0.6	22.2
175.10	Bespak	495	+8	9.0	1.7	21.7
200.20	Bibby (J)	126	+1	9.7	10.7	7.4
3.45	Billam (J)	21½	-9	5.0	3.2	-
1.77	Bilston Btrrsea♠	42	+14	...	...	...
10.80	Bimec Ind	9½	-1½	0.6	...	...
8.41	Black Arrow	34	-3	2.1	8.2	8.1
4.88	Black & Edgtn♠	1	...	...	...	...
97.00	Black (Peter)	178	-4	2.9	2.2	18.3
13.90	Bluebird Toys♠	179	+1	...	...	...
152.10	Bodycote	330	+4	9.2	2.1	18.7
5,293.80	Boots	510	+10	12.4	3.2	19.1
1.92	Booth Inds	48	+2	3.2	8.9	5.0
2,122.70	Bowater	503	-12	...	3.0	23.0
601.20	Bowater Inc	1659†	-123	...	...	...
50.80	Boxmore Intl♠	229	...	...	2.0	22.1
11.20	Bracway	14½	...	0.5	5.3	18.7
108.80	Brammer	256	...	13.0	6.8	17.6
1.40	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.2	...	6.8
49.30	Bridon	87	-1	4.0	...	...
6.51	Bridport-Gndry	65	...	4.1	8.4	12.2
952.40	Brierley Inv	38	+2	...	8.6	9.1
33.40	Br Bldg & Eng	258	...	...	...	...
1.59	Br Bloodstock♠	42	...	...	...	...
141.40	Br Polythene	476†	...	...	2.8	-
1,775.00	Br Steel	86½	+2	...	1.5	...
40.70	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
13.60	Br Thornton	17½	+1½	...	2.5	...
511.20	Br Vita	239	-14	7.1	4.1	-
15.50	Brlam Grp	11½	+½	0.0	0.3	...
11,615.50	Broken Hill	725	+32	...	2.5	34.4
69.20	Bromsgrve Ind	103	-1	4.0	5.2	14.2
2.61	Brooke Tool	7	-1	...	...	...
16.90	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
122.30	Bullough	102	-2	6.0	7.9	17.5
4.15	Business Tech♠	20	-1	...	...	24.1
23.30	CI Group	27	-5	2.0	10.1	11.1
3.46	Campbell & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
12.40	Camport St	12	...	3.3	...	...
127.40	Cape	280	+2	10.5	5.8	15.3
86.50	Carclo Eng	207	+6	7.8	5.0	17.4
2,258.00	Carnaud Mtl	2800	-25	...	3.2	9.7
3.94	Cassidy Bros♠	73	+1	...	4.4	8.1
34.60	Castings	164	+6	4.0	3.3	11.7
10.60	Chamberlin Hill	145	-15	6.0	5.5	8.7
688.30	Charter Cons	660	-4	23.5	4.4	15.6
49.70	Chemring	255	+1	...	4.3	15.4
6.42	Chieftain Gp♠	74	...	...	8.8	8.2
6.26	Chillington	22	-2	0.5	3.0	...
292.20	Christies Int	184	-28	1.5	1.1	-
9.69	Clayhithe	58	+10	2.5	5.7	...
1.86	Clayton Son	88	...	3.0	4.7	...
1.22	Co Designers♠	7#	...	0.2	...	...
6.96	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
65.20	Community H	200	-2	6.5	4.3	12.4
129.30	Concentric	239	+4	...	3.1	19.1
37.90	Cook (Wm)	172	-2	10.0	...	11.6
1,067.70	Cookson	191†	-2	...	4.3	-
4.88	Copymore♠	45	...	...	8.0	8.8
82.40	Crowth Plr 'A'	204	-7	5.7	3.8	17.3
18.30	Cosalt	159	-6	10.7	9.0	24.2
7.18	Creighton Nt♠	195	-15	...	4.8	14.1
27.50	CrestaCare	33	-3	0.7	2.8	21.3
1,516.50	Dana	3306½	+187½	...	...	...
229.80	Danka Bs Sys	600	-85	3.7	0.8	18.5
0.94	Davies (DT)♠	16	+2	...	...	...
1,296.40	De La Rue	670	-9	15.0	3.0	20.5
3.05	Dinkie Heel	23	...	0.9	5.5	11.0
253.40	Diploma	455	-27	9.7	2.9	23.7
74.20	Dobson Park	61	...	5.7	12.6	11.0
1.60	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.9	13.9
7.83	-do- 'A'	65	...	9.0	18.3	9.3
2.66	EFG♠	17	...	...	...	...
150.10	EIS	409	+1	11.7	3.8	15.2
4.75	EIT Gp♠	9¾	...	...	...	...
3.04	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
7.25	Eleco	23	+1	3.3	...	14.7
1,602.20	Electrolux 'B'	2175	-29½	...	2.7	-
15.20	Elliott (B)	62	-2	...	...	...
1,214.00	Eng China Cl	453	-12	20.0	5.9	15.6
4,052.00	Ericsson 'B'	2362½	-15½	...	1.5	-
22.10	Erskine Hse	48	...	6.6	18.5	5.0
20.80	Eurocopy	43	+3	1.6	5.0	16.7
37.50	Expamet	60	...	10.3	...	7.1
226.50	Fairey Group	609	+29	10.2	2.3	-
37.90	Fenner	87	...	4.2	6.4	16.4
3.17	Ferraris Group♠	56	...	...	2.5	12.3
3.06	Ferromet♠	1½	...	...	...	...
9.12	Ferrum	28	...	2.5	11.9	7.6
3.47	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
1,451.10	Fisons	210	+1	...	5.7	21.9
38.60	Fitzwilton	33	...	...	15.3	...
58.60	Flogas	240†	...	...	4.2	9.9
13.20	Folkes Group nv	43	...	2.3	7.4	8.7
8.14	French (Thomas)	68	-3	3.6	7.1	34.1
111.50	Frost Group	190†	-5	...	0.5	36.8
30.50	GEI Int	83	+1	7.3	11.8	17.1
1,237.50	GKN	472½	-7½	...	5.9	20.5
6.06	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	6.0	...
3.20	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
20.60	Gestetner	130†	-3	8.2	8.4	5.7
3.55	Gieves	26	-1	...	...	18.8
20,128.60	Glaxo	665†	+5	17.0	3.4	18.3
6.65	Glenchewton	25½	+1½	...	...	...
552.80	Glynwed	269	-22	11.5	5.9	-
48.10	Goode Durrant	91	+5	5.4	7.9	19.3
82.20	Grampian Hd	119	+5	5.5	6.2	15.4
1,556.10	Granada	367	-14	7.7	2.8	19.5
38.30	Great Nthrn♠	325	...	...	4.1	14.0
6.60	Green (Ernst)♠	82	...	...	11.4	11.3
17.30	Greenacre♠	10	...	...	3.3	10.7
2.47	Guardian Grp♠	13	...	...	...	...
36.00	Haden MacLn	41	-1	8.0	...	6.5
4.85	Hadleigh Inds♠	67	-7	...	...	...
45.80	Hall Eng	157	+9	8.6	7.3	14.0
37.60	Halma	225	+3	2.2	1.1	31.5
20.10	Hampson Ind	33	-1	2.3	...	8.9
11,804.50	Hanson	244½	-10½	...	6.2	12.5
20.30	Hardys (Furn)	242	+3	6.2	3.4	16.9
1,220.60	Harrisons Crsfd	173	-4	9.0	6.9	29.8
12.20	Havelock Euro	47	-1	1.5	...	...
3.32	Hawthorn Leslie♠	1½	-½	...	...	...
6.30	Hay (Norman)	40	-1	1.1	...	...
4.03	Headway	55	+1	0.7	3.7	13.2
657.60	Heywood Wms	322	-18	14.8	6.2	12.7
10.40	Hewitt (J)	155	+4	3.0	2.2	-
1.79	High-Point	35	+17	1.5	...	...
36.00	Hill & Smith	129	+1	6.0	6.2	16.8
7.30	Hobson♠	9	+½	...	...	...
3.24	Holders Tech♠	154	...	...	7.8	14.0
28.10	Hopkinsons	36	-2	3.7	...	10.4
11.60	Hornby♠	140	...	...	8.4	11.2
8.29	Hospital Cp	11	...	...	9.7	3.0
187.10	Howden	65†	+4	...	4.3	10.3
179.90	Hunting	237	+2	10.0	5.6	19.5
74.30	Huntleigh Tech	183	+8	...	0.7	31.8
939.70	IMI	259	-17	10.0	5.1	17.9
27.90	ISA Intl	103	+7	1.5	2.0	-
49.00	Intermatic Gp♠	192	-7	...	1.8	20.3
31.60	Isotron	255	+10	3.9	2.1	16.2
3,054.30	Jardine Math	434	-38	...	2.6	12.5
814.40	Johnson Matth	460	-25	9.6	2.9	18.3
73.00	Johnson & FB	52	-1	3.0	7.7	16.0
11.30	Johnston	128	+4	9.0	...	50.9
3.77	Jones & Shipman	21	+5	...	...	...
3.60	Jourdan (T)	19	...	1.5	10.5	...
7.74	Kalamazoo	42	+5	...	...	34.6
203.20	Kalon	157½	+2½	3.2	2.8	-
8.82	Kelsey Ind	237	-1	13.0	8.0	...
193.30	Kershaw 'A'	522†	+2	27.0	6.5	27.3
14.30	Kleeneze	133	-6	...	...	...
5.91	LGW♠	58	-2	...	1.7	30.6
317.40	Laird	272	+3	...	5.0	13.2
41.20	Lee (Arthur)	125	-2	5.9	6.4	52.3
23.00	Lilleshall	136	...	4.2	4.2	-
8.55	Linx♠	125	-1	...	5.4	17.7
2.13	Lincoln Hse♠	13½	...	...	...	11.1
12.30	Linread	102	...	3.5	...	14.4
25.90	Linton Park	193	+8	13.0	9.0	33.9
26.90	Lonsdale	17½	...	0.3	3.0	14.0
4.95	Locker (T)♠	16½	-1½	1.0	8.1	52.0
371.20	Lon Int	225	-5	9.4	5.7	15.0
633.90	Lonrho	95	-3	...	6.4	...
274.10	Low & Bonar	351	-20	...	3.6	-
1,487.40	MB-Caradon	277	-6	9.5	3.5	25.6
297.00	-do- pf	165½	+2	7.2	5.8	...
29.30	ML Hldgs	19½	+½	1.8	...	18.8
9.22	MS Inc	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
17.50	MY Holdings	42	-3	...	3.2	12.8
135.40	Macfarlane	273	+8	4.2	2.1	25.8
333.90	McKechnie	419	+9	14.7	4.7	21.8
44.70	McLeod Russel	34	-1	6.0	8.5	11.5
34.50	Mackay	7½	-	...	...	...
3.96	Magnolia	49	...	5.4	...	48.3
12.50	Mang Bronze	38	+1	1.0	1.8	...
4.10	Marling	25	+1½	0.3	...	...
32.20	Martin♠	165	...	...	3.4	14.1
49.50	McCowen	50	+3	...	1.1	24.7
511.20	Medeva	236½	+3½	2.2	1.3	-
199.20	Meggitt	[illegible]	-½	3.6	5.2	13.8
92.70	Metalrax	125	+4	...	5.8	16.2
11.60	Metsec♠	25	...	...	0.7	...
28.70	Mitie	55	-2	...	7.3	9.0
5.22	Mining & Al	15	+½	0.5	3.7	...
141.30	Molins	355	-5	12.7	3.3	12.1
[illegible]	Morgan Crcble	236	-10	12.6	5.0	16.4
10.90	Morris Ashby♠	26	...	...	4.7	11.7
5.53	Neepsend	27	-2	1.5	...	...
42.80	Nekkan NSA	55	+2	3.1	7.4	9.3
15.00	Nobo Gp	142	+5	3.5	3.3	17.4
193.00	Norcros	142	+1	7.0	6.6	24.3
24.60	Novo Group	34	...	...	1.0	...
127.50	Nu-Swift	312	...	...	8.6	8.6
2.98	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
13.80	OMC Intl	31	...	1.7	7.3	...
20.30	PCT♠	171	...	...	7.9	12.1
2.26	Paint Systems♠	48	...	...	7.9	-
[illegible]	Pentland	118	...	2.5	2.9	-
[illegible]	Photo-Me	248	-7	4.4	1.6	15.8
[illegible]	Pilkington	105	-4	6.0	7.4	79.3
3.41	Plasmec♠	35	+5	...	...	...
55.50	Platsbrook	78	...	...	5.1	11.4
228.50	Polypipe	146	-1	1.9	1.4	21.8
390.20	Portals	512	+4	13.8	3.6	16.0
24.50	Porter Chadburn	26†	-2	2.5	12.8	6.4
1.44	Porth Gp♠	7½	...	...	...	...
317.20	Powerscreen	368	+7	8.0	2.2	20.8
34.20	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.7	5.1	9.8
8.22	RPS Group♠	52	+10	...	5.8	-
1.16	Radiant Metal	85	-5	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	1½	-16	...	2.0	...
205.30	Rank Org	664†	-10	31.0	6.2	18.2
17.50	Ransomes	28	+2	...	...	...
2,337.50	Reckitt Colm	625	+3	15.1	3.2	14.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	75	+6	3.6	6.3	14.7
4.83	Reece	3½	...	...	...	13.1
33.00	Relyon	197	-12	4.9	4.2	20.4
135.40	Renishaw	278	+1	6.5	3.1	21.1
38.20	Renold	58	+1	1.0	2.3	...
6,302.10	Reuters	1416	+38	...	2.0	23.6
5.09	Rexmore	29	+1½	1.7	8.0	7.1
37.60	Ricardo Group	119	...	5.7	6.4	20.6
5.11	Richard (Leics)	61	...	4.4	9.6	6.1
16.80	Richardson West	64	+1	2.9	6.0	15.3
8.11	Ropner	124	...	8.4	8.9	8.0
18.10	-do- 'A'	116	+1	8.2	9.5	9.1
34.30	Ross Gp	30	-5	0.4	2.0	16.5
128.60	Rotork	449	-1	10.0	3.0	20.6
12.10	Rubicon	121	-1	...	1.7	...
12.00	Russell (A)	51	-3	2.1	5.5	26.9
12.60	SEP Indl	20½	+2	0.6	4.3	-
478.10	SKF 'B'	750	...	...	5.9	...
21.50	Sanderson Elec	248	-4	9.0	4.8	10.6
18.80	Savage♠	52	+3	...	0.6	68.2
41.00	Saville Gordn (J)	41†	...	2.2	7.2	16.2
558.40	Scapa	248	-1	5.5	2.9	20.0
135.10	Scholl	282	-11	6.0	4.0	14.4
1.79	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
40.50	Securicor	975	-5	2.6	0.4	37.1
503.20	-do- 'A'	622	-13	2.6	0.6	-
578.80	Security Serv	528	-5	5.0	1.3	26.1
222.00	Senior Eng	72½	-½	3.1	4.5	15.3
46.20	Seton Health	327	-6	...	2.1	21.0
2.33	Sheldon Jones♠	65	...	...	...	...
5.43	Shiloh	94	+6	2.7	3.9	25.5
111.80	Sidlaw	327	-6	10.0	4.1	15.0
1,897.30	Siebe	489	+1	...	2.5	20.6
143.50	Silentnight	304	+8	8.0	3.3	16.9
1,785.60	Sime Darby	114	-2	...	3.9	13.9
113.70	Simon Eng	113	-4	15.7	18.5	14.0
56.20	Sinclair (Wm)	258	...	7.0	3.6	16.5
25.30	Six Hundred	47	...	2.5	7.1	...
1,610.40	Smith & Neph	156½	+1	...	4.0	20.4
6,389.90	SmithKline	469½	+14½	...	2.4	18.4
5,384.10	SmithKline (Eq)	411†	+14	...	3.2	16.1
1,051.40	Smiths Ind	354	-7	11.2	4.2	14.5
79.20	Stim Bus	82	-3	3.3	5.3	7.8
33.60	Spandex♠	315	...	...	2.5	16.0
18.90	Spear (JW)	360	-80	10.0	3.7	11.1
261.20	Spirax-Sarco	345	-1	9.0	3.5	20.6
454.60	Spring Ram	123	-6	0.2	0.3	16.2
289.70	Staveley	255	+6	8.2	4.3	14.5
41.20	Sterling Ind	147	...	5.6	5.1	18.4
67.10	Stonehill	12†	-1½	...	...	...
161.40	Suter	149	+1	8.3	7.9	13.3
	Swire Pacific 'A'	271	-38	...	2.8	19.8
5.56	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
20.80	Sylone	255	...	9.4	4.9	11.2
793.00	T & N	181	-6	10.8	8.3	-
1,486.20	TI	321	+16	...	4.5	19.3
2.94	TLS Range♠	13	...	...	5.1	...
214.70	TT Group	268	+4	...	3.0	17.4
210.80	Talbex	239	+2	1.5	0.8	23.7
6,930.20	Takeda Chem	793	+26	...	0.6	21.0
1.99	Tex Hldgs	30	-1	...	...	...
5.34	Tinsley (E)♠	74	-3	...	9.4	8.6
22.50	Tiana	200	+1	...	2.4	17.4
2,952.70	Tomkins	262	-7	...	3.2	18.4
676.40	Trafalgar H	78½	+½	...	5.5	5.7
146.90	-do- 'A'	75†	+½	...	...	...
98.20	Transfer Tech	525	+70	16.0	4.1	-
111.60	Triplex Lloyd	173	+3	7.0	5.4	15.9
322.20	UniChem	234	-3	5.0	2.8	17.3
39.20	Unidare	310	...	...	7.2	-
5.57	Unigroup	19	...	...	...	...
10,064.00	Unilever	1244	+27	20.8	2.3	-
12,911.40	Unilever (NV)	8037½	+103½	...	2.6	12.9
215.80	VSEL	580	-15	25.0	5.7	6.7
11.10	Verson	8	...	...	...	...
420.50	Vickers	128†	+10½	...	1.6	...
152.30	Victaulic	347	-7	7.8	3.0	-
138.90	Vinten	357	...	6.6	2.5	19.2
158.90	Vosper Thorny	514	+9	13.1	3.4	12.4
4.28	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
192.30	Wagon Ind	436	+21	...	5.2	16.9
68.60	Walker Greenbk	75	+1	3.1	5.5	17.9
349.50	Wassall	229	-6	...	1.5	27.8
209.10	Waterford Wdgwd	29½	+1	...	...	...
507.50	Weir	654	+6	10.5	2.1	19.0
8,008.00	Wellcome	929	-27	13.0	1.9	25.7
7.39	Wellman	21	...	2.2	...	8.6
108.30	Whatman	490	+2	8.7	2.4	17.7
92.80	Whessoe	319	-3	...	3.3	12.4
12.60	Whewway	9	-½	1.0	14.8	...
16.70	Whitecroft	38	-½	4.0	...	4.1
3.99	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
10.80	Wilkes (James)	61	-2	10.0	...	3.4
1,698.80	Williams Hldg	351	-6	12.5	4.9	18.0
20.40	Wilshaw	29½	+½	0.4	2.1	20.9
1,341.40	Wolseley	566	-1	12.5	3.0	21.6
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
12.53	Wyko	38	...	2.8	...	21.7
9.28	Young (H)	56	+6	3.0	7.1	20.5

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
742.10	Alex & Alex	1812½	+50½	...	3.8	...
4,916.30	Am Gen	2275†	+243½	...	3.3	...
9.89	Archer (AJ)	39	-1	4.4	15.0	19.0
73.90	Bradstock	140†	+1	5.1	4.9	17.3
797.60	Britannic	1220	+32	29.5	3.1	...
3,248.20	Coml Union	606†	-15	...	5.4	...
96.40	Dom & Gen	1418	+10	...	1.7	23.3
53.40	FAI	22	+1	...	...	...
2,686.50	Gen Accident	597	...	26.7	6.1	...
1,604.00	GRE	185	-3	7.0	5.2	...
228.90	Heath C E	358	-9	18.0	6.0	21.0
115.60	Hogg Gp	185	...	8.1	5.9	11.3
200.70	JIB Group	182	-1	...	5.5	11.4
2,399.10	Legal & Gen	471	-7	18.8	5.3	...
2,256.20	Liberty Life	1008†	+45	...	2.9	-
2,966.70	Lloyds Abbey	441	+1	17.3	5.2	15.9
188.70	Lloyd Thomp	294	-1	5.6	2.5	21.6
402.20	Londn & Man	335	-5	13.5	5.4	25.8
81.90	Lowndes Lmb	347	+4	12.6	4.8	13.8
4,787.20	Marsh McLn	6575	+137½	...	2.8	...
13.50	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
19.90	PWS	84	+4	4.0	8.3	-
6,241.60	Prudential	332	-2	11.0	4.4	28.6
523.30	Refuge	1020	+40	31.5	4.2	-
1,438.60	Royal	256†	-1	5.0	2.1	...
738.50	Sedgwick	180†	+15	6.0	4.4	21.7
113.50	Steel Burrill	244	...	13.2	7.2	15.4
31.40	Sturge Hldgs	62	-6	8.2	17.7	6.3
2,725.60	Sun Alliance	339	+5	14.2	5.6	...
102.30	Trade Indemnity	56	...	...	...	...
825.80	Transatlantic	282†	+9	12.0	5.7	-
532.30	Utd Friendly	650	+10	12.3	2.5	33.0
829.40	Willis Corroon	199	+12	...	4.5	-
4.14	Windsor	15	+1	...	...	11.4



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
851.30	Alliance	1689	-6	43.0	3.4	39.0
213.00	Amer Trust	256	+7	4.9	2.6	-
387.10	Ang & O'seas	339†	+2	6.8	2.7	-
67.70	BZW Conv	134	...	7.8	7.8	15.7
240.10	Bankers	155	...	3.4	3.0	42.6
149.30	Baring Tribne	289†	+1	6.4	3.0	45.7
7.54	Berry Starq	145	...	2.0	1.8	49.0
389.80	Br Assets	103½	-3½	...	5.6	24.8
85.10	Br Empire Sec	64	-½	0.8	1.9	65.0
2.13	-do- Wnts	18	...	...	...	...
533.90	Br Inv	171	+2	4.5	3.5	42.0
34.90	Contl Alnce	161†	-2	2.4	2.0	53.6
17.50	Derby Inc	148	+2	16.6	15.0	8.9
32.20	-do- Cap	213	-12	...	...	...
117.60	Drayton Asia	117	+1½	0.7	0.8	...
9.10	-do- Blue Chip	72	...	8.4	16.2	7.8
23.20	-do- Eng Intl	56	+2	1.2	2.9	...
117.00	-do- Far East	103	-2	0.6	0.8	...
22.10	-do- Korea	96	-2	...	...	...
198.40	Dunedin Inc G	626	...	25.6	5.6	-
192.00	-do- Wrldw	573	-2	9.5	2.2	59.0
44.90	Dundee & Lon	287	-2	12.0	6.0	24.6
7.43	EFM Inc Tr	49½	+½	4.8	13.1	8.9
7.87	-do- Div Pf	52½	...	...	...	...
790.30	Edinburgh	289	+3	8.0	4.0	32.9
138.30	Electric Gen	153	...	3.1	2.7	48.7
1.44	English Scot	97	+3	...	...	...
61.00	European Asset	267	-5	...	3.1	-
21.40	Finsbury 'A'	59	...	3.0	4.5	28.6
182.70	Fleming Amer	276	+3	0.3	0.3	...
82.80	-do- Claver	406	+3	10.7	3.5	40.0
171.10	Do Contl	262	-2	2.8	1.4	...
66.80	-do- Enty	167	+5	4.5	3.6	32.5
376.50	-do- F East	240	-1	1.5	0.8	...
38.40	-do- Fledg	304½	+7	3.0	1.3	...
32.10	-do- Hi Inc	112½	-1½	5.8	6.9	19.1
186.80	-do- Japan	162	+9	0.3	0.3	...
369.90	-do- Merc	256	-5½	6.7	3.5	...
330.70	-do- Overs	249	+3	4.0	2.1	59.4
1,192.50	Foreign & Col	127	+2	3.5	2.0	-
122.40	-do- Eurotst	207½	+1½	1.3	0.8	...
40.90	-do- German	104	-2	0.4	0.5	...
242.60	-do- Pacific	278	+1	1.7	1.0	...
119.50	-do- Smaller	134	-1½	...	1.8	68.1
111.70	GT Japan	177	+11	...	0.9	...
19.60	Genl Cons Cap	109	+6	...	...	...
29.50	-do- Inc	109	-½	...	10.3	11.3
33.70	Govett Am Smlr	135	+4	...	...	...
402.50	-do- Oriental	224	-2	0.9	0.5	...
234.70	-do- Strategy	239	-1	6.7	3.5	33.0
42.50	Greenfriar	390	+3	8.3	2.3	55.6
0.22	Gresham House	5	...	...	...	...
47.90	Independent Inv	51½	-½	0.5	1.3	...
328.60	Inv Cap	132	+1½	5.1	5.2	28.5
25.40	IBS UK Smllr	89½	-2	2.0	3.0	21.6
144.20	Kleinwort Char	179	-4	5.0	3.7	34.6
199.30	-do- O'seas	198½	-2	3.3	2.2	-
15.50	-do- Smlr	111	-6	4.0	4.9	...
182.80	Law Debenture	585	-2	...	4.0	30.7
80.80	Majedie	171	+1	...	3.7	33.1
49.60	Merchants	244	-2	18.6	5.9	-
5,111.60	Merrill Lynch	4097½	+287½	...	...	...
329.00	Monks Inv Tst	426	+11	6.7	2.1	57.1
24.80	Murray Gen Inc	118	...	...	5.2	23.4
1.56	Do Warrants	32	+2	...	...	...
13.80	Murray Euro	46	...	0.1	0.5	-
0.60	Do Wts	39	...	...	...	...
235.90	Murray Income	315†	-2	...	4.7	28.0
375.00	-do- Intl	312	-2	11.4	4.9	-
173.30	-do- Small	309	+4	4.0	1.7	66.6
5.49	-do- S/C Inc	100	...	...	14.1	9.7
3.42	-do- S/C Cap	87	+2	...	...	...
1.53	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.8	...
8.59	-do- S/C DF	143½	-1½	...	...	...
83.20	-do- Vent	256	+1	10.3	5.4	20.2
69.50	New Frontier	68½	-2½	0.2	0.5	...
33.30	Nusimrg Inc	85	...	6.7	10.8	11.7
105.90	O'seas Inv Tst	278	+1	2.8	1.3	79.3
66.10	Pacific Assets	337	-14	1.1	0.4	-
9.18	Do Warrants	239	-14	...	...	...
12.40	Personal Assets	8200	...	...	2.6	49.0
208.20	RIT Cap Ptnr	116	+1	1.1	1.3	52.5
23.70	River & Merc	118†	-3	9.2	10.4	11.8
	Robeco	398	+10	...	3.4	...
	Rolinco	388	+13	...	2.1	...
81.90	St Andrew Inv	238	+1	7.5	4.2	-
318.60	Scot American	142½	-4½	4.3	4.1	30.1
38.10	Scott Asian	908	-27	...	...	...
443.80	-do- Eastern	70	-1½	1.5	2.9	-
496.00	Scottish	195	-4	4.6	3.2	40.4
690.80	-do- Mrtge	194	-5	3.9	2.7	45.7
37.60	-do- Value	78½	+½	...	3.1	55.9
286.70	Second Alince	1403†	+10	36.5	3.3	40.1
267.50	Secs Tst of Scot	83½	-1	3.2	5.2	27.9
37.00	Selective Asset	128†	+2	1.2	1.3	46.0
25.50	Sphere Inv	21	+½	...	19.2	5.9
82.30	TR Far East	134	-3	4.5	4.5	29.4
261.00	TR City Of Lon	136½	-1½	4.7	4.6	28.7
85.80	TR Pacific	128	-7	0.3	0.4	...
59.00	TR Property	20½	-½	1.4	...	81.0
22.70	TR Tech Inv	63	...	1.7	3.7	31.2
206.80	TR Smlr Cos	166	-1	3.7	3.0	48.6
173.00	Temple Bar	302†	-8	13.2	5.8	22.8
45.00	Thrgmtn Asian E	85	-4	0.5	0.8	...
165.00	Throgmorton	58½	-5	3.3	5.2	23.9
34.10	Throg Dual Cp	405	-12	...	...	...
71.00	USDC Invest	194	+2	4.5	...	...
37.20	Value Inc Tst	80½	+1	...	5.4	23.6
357.10	Whitbread Inv	566	+3	15.0	3.5	37.6
653.60	Witan	191	-1½	5.6	3.9	33.5

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.45	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
311.90	Airtours	339	+11½	7.2	2.9	12.0
31.30	Ald Leis	49	-1	4.7	...	14.0
103.20	Anglia TV	233	+5	...	4.5	21.0
22.70	Barr & W 'A'	229	+22	10.0	5.8	11.4
45.80	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	18.8
10.00	Border TV♠	98	-1	...	3.7	12.8
31.20	Brent Walker	10½	-1	...	...	...
6.37	Buckingham Int	5½	+½	...	...	...
30.30	Campari	291	+5	...	3.1	7.9
132.10	Capital Radio	196	+2	5.2	3.6	22.8
1,532.50	Carlton Comm	774†	-10	17.0	2.9	22.8
12.00	Castle Comm♠	193	-7	...	6.0	17.3
480.50	Central TV	1793	...	30.5	2.3	23.0
19.40	Chrysalis	73	...	...	...	...
412.70	Compass Gp	606	+7	12.3	2.7	17.2
65.80	Eurocamp	251	-72	9.7	5.2	-
1,810.50	Euro Disney	1065	+60	...	1.1	...
7.20	Euro Leisure	4½	-½	...	...	8.3
13.90	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
11.00	Fairline Boats	313	+39	10.5	4.5	...
554.90	First Leisure	353†	+7	6.1	2.3	24.4
15.50	GWR Gp♠	500	-3	...	1.9	25.7
23.60	Grampian	171	-2	5.5	4.3	12.0
0.35	Greenwich Comm♠	5	-1	...	...	...
20.80	HTV Group	30	...	3.7	...	...
20.30	Hi-Tec Sports	46	-7	8.5	...	2.9
19.90	Kunick	8½	+1½	...	...	...
295.90	LWT CP	334	+1	5.9	2.4	16.3
46.40	Man Utd	380	+1	18.0	6.3	13.1
239.80	Owners Abrd	147†	+3	3.5	3.2	11.8
9.45	The Pelican Gp	44	+½	...	3.0	15.1
0.73	Prism Leisure♠	121	-2	...	3.0	13.8
3.98	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
28.10	Radio Clyde♠	312	-2	...	3.6	24.4
7.98	Ramsdens (H)	133	-1	...	4.5	-
232.80	Scot TV	485	-3	...	2.2	31.2
14.20	Southern Radio	50	-1	0.7	2.1	20.8
91.30	Stanley Leisure	207	+1	...	2.7	17.5
5.06	Stanleigh♠	5½	...	...	...	...
8.17	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
0.17	TSW	29#	...	...	22.7	3.7
26.30	TVS	38	...	...	...	3.2
787.40	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.3
86.80	Thames TV	175	+5	7.5	5.7	5.0
19.00	Ticketinge	2½	+½	...	...	...
15.20	Tottenham Hot	95	-9	...	...	3.1
29.10	Trans World♠	73	-2	...	1.5	-
33.70	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
43.80	Wembley	17	-2	1.8	...	...
6.38	Whitegate	22	+1	...	...	...
70.90	Yorkshire TV	143	+22	12.0	11.2	4.3
6.82	Zetters Gp	104	+3	8.0	10.3	10.5

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
658.00	Am Gold	2725	-18½	...	8.1	12.3
321.20	Ang Am Coal	1225	-50	...	8.0	5.5
3,458.00	Ang Am	1487½	-6½	...	5.1	9.3
12.80	Anglo Pac Res♠	16½	-1	...	...	...
15.60	Blyvoors	65	-1	...	10.5	3.2
3.22	Bracken	21	...	...	...	1.2
39.40	Buffels	398	+13	...	12.5	7.8
4.12	Bute	1½	...	...	...	...
3,986.70	CRA	672	+24	...	3.1	-
8.35	Cluff Res	11½	-1	...	...	...
3,802.10	De Beers	1000	+15½	...	5.3	-
46.80	Deelkraal	47	...	...	14.3	2.3
5.20	Doornfontein	13	+1	...	...	...
1,066.90	Driefontein	523	-8	...	7.1	8.7
4.46	Durban	192	+19	...	...	...
34.20	E Rand Gold	75	+12	...	15.3	2.2
7.17	E Dagga	91	+18	...	...	6.8
25.40	E Rand Prop	153	+6	...	...	...
173.60	Elandsrand	179	+6	...	7.6	3.7
599.00	FS Cons	502	+44	...	10.6	5.1
2.22	FS Dev	10	-2	...	...	...
944.80	GFSA	981	+6	...	4.6	13.9
1,981.60	Gencor	144	+4	...	6.9	11.2
204.90	GM Kalgoorli	43	+1	...	3.2	10.5
10.20	Greenwich R 'A'	13½	-1½	...	...	...
7.44	Grootvlei	65	+8	...	18.0	-
46.00	Harmony	171	+2	...	...	...
156.30	Hartbst	140	+9	...	...	4.8
20.70	Inco♠	10	...	...	...	...
390.60	Impala Plat	628	+83	...	...	12.8
6.72	Kenmare Res♠	7	...	...	...	...
94.10	Kinross	523	+74	...	10.7	3.2
679.60	Kloof	306	+22	...	3.9	7.7
7.04	Leslie	44	+4	...	10.5	4.0
3.44	Loraine	21	...	...	...	...
1,546.60	MIM	110½	+5	...	2.1	50.6
1,589.80	Minorco	928	+48	...	4.1	10.9
728.80	Nth Brkn Hill	114½	+3	...	4.3	-
344.80	Orange Free	1087½	+15½	...	12.8	8.7
6,720.10	RTZ	690	-18	19.5	4.0	28.7
74.60	Rand Mines	500	-12½	...	13.0	2.1
13.30	Rand Min Prp	107	-11	...	17.4	4.7
149.20	Randfontein	244	+15	...	7.8	3.3
312.20	Renison	157	-3	...	2.9	15.3
1,136.70	Rustnbrg	909½	+18½	...	5.6	12.9
33.20	St Helena	345	-5	...	7.7	-
208.00	Southvaal	800	+93½	...	8.1	12.4
5.88	Stilfontein	45	...	...	16.4	-
25.50	Unisel	91	+1	...	3.7	8.1
520.80	Vaal Reefs	2725	+97½	...	8.9	4.2
101.80	Welkom	288	+3	...	12.5	8.0
17.70	Western Areas	44	...	...	...	...
294.50	Western Deep	1062½	+28½	...	6.6	4.4
2,312.50	Wstrn Mining	241	+13	...	...	...
62.70	Winkels	515	+83	...	2.2	3.8
96.80	Zambia Copper	79	+7	...	...	...
28.60	Zandpan	22	...	...	...	6.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.66	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
10.50	Airflow Stream	123	...	0.1	0.1	18.5
49.50	Appleyard	105	-2	7.8	9.9	77.5
12.00	Bletchley Mtr	203	+10	8.2	7.3	14.8
22.10	Bostrum	140	+3	6.0	5.7	38.1
1,032.80	Br Aerospace	275†	-1	7.0	3.4	...
10.70	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	43.0
11.20	Coverdale	8½	+1½	...	...	...
16.00	Central Mtr♠	120	+2	...	4.4	30.5
8.96	Cook (DC)♠	21	...	...	...	...
275.80	Cowie (T)	217	+1	6.2	3.9	-
18.90	Dag Motors	105	+2	5.7	7.3	12.4
19.60	Davnprt Vern	140†	...	4.0	3.8	17.3
21.60	ERF	220	+6	4.0	...	...
35.60	European Mtr	95	+2	...	2.1	...
57.60	Evans Halshaw	268	+3	11.2	5.6	25.0
210.40	FR Group	282	-2	6.6	3.2	13.5
16,809.50	Ford Motor	3443½	+143½	...	...	...
18,789.30	General Mtr	2225	+100	...	1.8	...
4.07	Gowrings	45	...	2.0	5.9	...
47.50	Henlys	119	+14	3.0	3.4	...
8,046.60	Honda Motor	827	+70	...	0.7	...
2.27	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
6.86	Jessups	81	-1	4.5	7.4	...
166.50	Kwik-Fit	97	-10	3.3	4.6	9.6
291.10	Lex Service	311	+1	10.0	4.3	...
21.80	Lookers	114	-3	6.2	7.5	...
1,017.60	Lucas	144	+1	7.0	6.5	...
85.50	Pendragon	285	+17	6.0	2.8	25.5
27.80	Perry Gp	148	-13	9.0	8.1	26.5
23.30	Quicks Group	143	-2	3.0	2.8	26.4
1,239.90	Rolls-Royce	128	-6	5.0	5.3	...
60.10	Vardy (Reg)	133	-3	4.0	4.0	20.3
161.80	Westland	170	+5	4.2	3.3	15.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
19.70	Adscene	133†	-7	4.0	4.0	14.2
4.98	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
547.30	Blenheim Gp	393	+3	9.0	2.0	22.2
45.60	Bristol	280	...	11.5	5.5	20.8
403.80	Daily Mail	4075	+50	13.0	2.1	18.2
403.80	Daily Mail 'A'	4075	+50	13.0	2.1	18.2
184.90	Dorling Kind	300	...	...	1.3	28.7
522.90	EMAP	330	-16	...	3.0	21.5
188.60	Euromoney Pb	938	-10	28.5	4.2	21.1
21.30	Harrington K	223	+1	4.5	2.7	-
32.50	Haynes Pub	318	...	6.0	2.5	13.5
29.20	Headline	343	...	10.0	1.6	27.0
14.00	Home Counts	140	...	8.3	7.9	26.4
0.49	Intl Bus Comm	4½	...	...	...	...
5.17	Intl Cm & Data♠	7½	...	...	...	...
159.90	Independent	425	+5	...	4.5	15.3
157.10	Johnstone Press	510	+17	5.5	1.4	24.1
27.30	Metal Bulletin	387	+2	6.0	3.8	-
392.80	Mirror Gp	98	-7	...	...	9.1
6,401.50	News Corp	383†	+15	...	8.3	24.4
1,300.10	News Intl	753	+13	3.9	0.7	13.0
2,063.90	Pearson	378	-14	...	4.1	17.7
76.80	Portsmth Sund	640	...	8.6	1.8	16.5
3,582.40	Reed Int	642	-23	18.0	3.3	21.3
22.90	Southnews	138	...	...	1.4	40.7
38.20	Sterling Pubs	119	-10	...	2.8	79.1
446.70	Telegraph	331	-8	11.0	4.5	-
4,336.80	Thomson Corp	775	+10	25.2	4.3	13.2
216.30	Trinity Intl	314	-3	...	3.6	18.5
1.82	Unit Group♠	34	...	...	...	...
1,080.20	Utd Nwspapr	539	+5	21.0	5.2	18.5

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8.11	Aberdeen Petro	15½	-½	...	...	-
75.80	Arco Energy	27	-½	...	...	...
25.20	Arcon Intl	44	+1	...	...	...
	Aust Oil & Gas	50	+1	...	...	...
8.25	Aviva Pet	47	-5	...	...	...
5.48	Beverley	10	...	...	0.6	...
81.40	Br Borneo	181	+2	7.1	5.2	19.9
13,117.20	British Gas	303½	-3	...	0.4	13.2
15,217.10	Br Petroleum	280½	-9½	...	5.0	35.2
16.20	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,308.40	Burmah Castl	710	-6	24.0	4.5	16.2
22.00	Cairn Energy	47	...	...	...	...
416.90	Calor Gp	248	+5	13.0	6.5	16.3
138.40	Clyde Pet	39	+4	1.2	...	...
2.28	Edin Oil & Gas	13½	...	...	...	...
2,318.30	Enterprise	485	-3	...	4.5	36.4
72.10	Exp Co Louis	70	-3	...	...	...
53.30	Fairhaven Intl	24	...	...	1.1	8.9
48.80	Goal Pet	64	+1	1.2	2.6	12.1
22.60	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
134.70	Hardy O & G	140	+3	2.0	0.9	48.8
39.60	Kelt Energy	28½	...	...	...	...
1,346.30	LASMO	179½	-3½	8.6	6.3	35.2
8.66	-do- Units	94	...	15.0	21.3	...
40.50	Mid Scot Res♠	19½	...	...	...	...
280.90	Monument	42½	+½	...	...	44.0
9.04	New London	8½	+½	...	...	...
14.00	Nth Sea Assets	28	+1	0.7	3.6	7.3
97.90	Oil Search	32	...	...	...	...
	Petrol	19½	+½	...	...	...
56.80	Pict Pet	110	+4	...	...	15.3
133.90	Premier	39½	-½	...	...	11.5
19.00	Presidio	73	...	...	2.4	...
147.40	Ranger	383	-5	...	4.9	...
31,828.40	Royal Dtch H	5037½	+43½	...	5.4	-
9,640.00	Schlumberger	3987½	-126	...	2.1	...
31.50	Seafield	62	+2	...	...	...
19,111.00	Shell	570½	+2½	21.9	5.1	-
5.27	Sunrise Eng Sr	197	-5	...	...	...
2.80	Teredo♠	9	...	...	...	...
24.80	Triton Europe	30	-3	...	...	0.8
3.60	Villiers Grp	7½	...	...	...	...
1,113.30	Woodside	167	+15	...	2.2	...

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
64.00	API	302	+20	7.5	3.3	26.3
1,386.80	Arjo Wiggins	171	-16	8.3	...	13.9
69.00	Abbott Mead	460	+5	8.4	2.4	23.1
1.51	Acsis Group	1½	+½	...	...	...
24.20	Aegis Gp	14½	+1	5.8	...	4.9
25.40	Aspen Comms♠	196	...	...	3.3	26.9
0.78	BBB Design♠	6½	...	...	...	...
35.90	Bemrose	339	-1	11.7	4.7	17.0
3.03	Birkdale	17	-1	0.2	1.6	14.4
328.30	Bunzl	129	...	4.0	4.1	30.1
30.10	CIA Gp	266	...	...	1.9	17.6
3.85	City of London	50	+3	...	9.1	10.5
16.30	Cropper (James)	202	+1	3.0	2.0	25.0
3.66	Crown Comm♠	6#	...	...	...	...
5.34	Delyn Pckaging	68	...	1.4	3.1	12.5
25.00	Dolphin Pack	106	+1	4.5	5.7	14.3
5.86	Dudley Jenkins♠	51	+9	...	...	13.1
25.80	Elswick	12½	...	0.2	...	10.5
16.60	Fairway Group♠	55†	...	...	7.6	16.2
94.90	Ferguson Intl	282	+18	12.5	5.7	16.8
14.20	Ferry Pick	105	+5	7.5	9.7	-
21.50	Filofax♠	96	-4	...	0.6	24.0
5.69	Fitch	16	...	...	...	1.8
6.23	Gibbon Lyons♠	69	...	...	9.7	13.5
73.10	Gold Greenless	281†	+5	...	3.9	22.9
3.44	Goodhead	23	+3	0.5	2.9	...
45.10	Hunterprint	78	-2	...	...	...
7.40	Intereurope	138	...	7.4	7.3	9.0
70.60	Jarvis Porter	220	+12	4.4	2.7	24.0
7.91	Lopex	35	...	...	...	14.6
74.00	More O'Ferrall	223	+4	13.2	7.7	14.2
24.70	NMC Group	62	-10	1.2	...	12.2
5.93	Osborne & Little	34	+4	4.3	6.9	10.8
28.60	Quarto	180	+1	5.2	5.1	9.5
335.60	St Ives Gp	340	+5	5.2	2.1	23.2
290.70	Saatchi	182	-9	...	...	...
641.20	Sappi	427	+8	...	9.1	8.0
4.08	Seriff♠	16½	+½	...	...	...
19.40	Shandwick	27½	-2	...	...	...
405.70	Smith David	328	+9	9.5	3.9	14.5
1,308.30	Smurfit (Jeff)	268	-3	...	0.5	9.2
50.50	Stat-Plus	235	-11	8.0	4.6	-
44.70	Taylor Nelson	20½	+½	...	1.0	43.2
3.73	VTR♠	51	-1	...	8.9	14.5
159.70	WPP	67	+5	1.0	2.3	...
51.40	Wace	70	-1	8.2	15.7	7.7
167.60	Waddington (J)	210	+3	7.9	5.0	15.9
200.30	Wamough	605	+2	10.5	2.3	26.4
6.39	Westport♠	5½	-½	...	...	19.7
1.14	Whitney Mck♠	16	...	...	...	...
8.86	Wood (SW)	63	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40.90	Allied Lon	59	...	3.5	8.0	50.9
5.40	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
35.00	Asda	64	+5	2.0	4.3	22.8
42.50	Avonside	99	+1	...	7.8	8.0
7,951.20	BCE♠	2562½	...	...	...	...
211.30	Bilton	488	+3	18.0	4.9	17.6
2.15	Bourne End	35	...	1.0	5.3	...
234.20	Bradford	163	-1	4.4	3.6	14.8
6.96	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
595.80	Br Land	290	+7	6.3	3.4	23.1
307.80	Brixton	186	-3	8.1	5.8	14.2
59.20	Burford	51	-5	0.9	2.5	26.6
24.30	Cap & Regnl♠	134	+4	...	1.0	...
3.24	Cardiff Prop	125	+5	2.4	2.6	...
42.10	Chesterfield	227	...	18.5	...	15.9
4.78	City Site Ests	31	+5	1.4	...	...
3.30	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
4.05	Clayform	11½	-½	...	...	...
154.50	Daejan	948	-5	25.0	3.5	14.8
3.26	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
34.50	Debenham Twsn	83	+3	2.5	4.0	30.2
3.31	De Morgan	7	-1	...	...	...
15.00	Dencora	88	...	5.5	8.3	...
26.00	Derwent Hldgs	335	+9	8.6	3.4	39.7
12.60	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.3
2.99	Estates Gen	14	...	3.7	...	4.4
92.30	Evans Of Leeds	139	...	4.1	4.0	13.3
8.95	Five Oaks	19	+3	...	...	...
4.28	Fletcher King	51	+1	1.0	2.6	36.9
121.80	Frogmore	350	+5	15.0	5.7	18.3
24.30	Grainger	122	+7	5.2	5.7	27.3
377.30	Gt Portland	163	+11	10.0	8.2	16.2
9.21	Greycoat	10½	...	5.2	...	...
3,036.00	HK Land	113	-15	...	4.5	19.0
154.40	Hambro Cntyw	47	+1	...	...	...
132.80	Hammerson	366	+12	10.0	3.6	10.5
437.50	-do- 'A'	335	+6	10.0	4.0	16.1
27.60	Helical Bar	186	+5	4.0	3.7	...
10.30	Hemingway	19	...	...	...	...
13.80	Herring Baker	86	...	7.0	10.9	...
2.66	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
2,504.80	Land Sec	496	+4	21.7	5.8	15.1
282.60	Lon Merch Sec	84	+1	3.8	6.0	13.4
1.85	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
1,232.20	MEPC	381	+5	20.0	7.0	16.0
3.91	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
28.30	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
8.55	Markheath	7	+2	0.5	...	...
3.46	Merivale Mre	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
1.32	Marlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
3.52	Moorfield Est	32	-1	...	0.4	...
39.20	Mountview	800	-40	18.0	3.0	8.2
4.32	Mowat♠	7#	...	...	...	...
132.30	Muckiow (A&J)	136	+1	5.9	5.9	18.7
2.27	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
8.41	Osprey Est	6½	+½	0.1	2.2	2.7
155.60	Peel	195	-5	3.0	2.1	...
10.50	Power Corp	9	+1	...	...	1.0
138.40	Prop Security	114	+6	3.7	4.4	22.7
6.26	Property Trust	33	-2	...	...	...
3.49	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
16.70	Regalian	14½	-½	1.5	14.0	2.8
9.38	Rosehaugh	7#	...	...	...	...
15.60	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
31.50	St Modwen Prp	27†	+3	0.6	3.0	20.6
18.90	Savills	31	+2	...	...	...
53.40	Scot Met	55	+4	1.5	3.6	...
16.50	Shaftesbury	68	...	...	...	...
0.96	Shield	19	...	...	...	...
3.82	Sinclair Gdsm	35#	...	0.5	1.9	...
530.30	Slough Estates	187	-4	8.1	5.8	10.6
56.30	Southend Prop	61	+3	4.1	9.1	30.8
3.36	Speyhawk	13	...	...	...	...
32.40	Stanhope Prps♠	19½	...	...	...	...
66.20	Tops Ests	144	...	2.0	1.9	36.5
94.30	Town Centre	93	+2	3.1	4.4	18.1
39.50	Trafford Park	59	...	2.5	5.6	15.9
0.80	UK Land	17	...	...	...	...
17.40	Union Square	9	+5	...	...	...
91.80	Warner	193†	-7	10.5	7.3	17.6
69.10	Warnford	180†	+12	7.2	5.4	12.5
1.37	Waterglade	6½	...	...	...	...
48.60	Wates	40½	-3½	0.7	2.5	...
3.45	Wood John D♠	42	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.68	Automagic♠	12	+1	...	...	...
24.20	Headlam	103	+5	2.4	3.1	40.8
28.40	Lambert	475	-25	12.5	3.5	12.4
20.20	Pittard Garnar	93	...	1.5	2.2	12.3
37.50	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.3	5.8
24.10	Stylo	126	...	2.5	2.6	...

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
137.70	Allied Text	483	+5	12.6	3.5	-
7.45	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	10.4	12.1
2.16	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
21.20	Br Mohair	160	-1	8.5	7.1	12.6
28.90	Celestion	117	-1	1.2	1.4	...
1.25	Chartwell♠	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
137.00	Claremont Gn	340	+4	...	1.5	23.4
599.90	Courtauld Text	594	-6	12.6	3.1	-
364.50	Dawson	235	+8	9.0	5.1	22.9
3.74	Drummond	23	-2	1.5	...	7.7
9.39	Dunkeld	31	-1	...	...	...
5.75	Faupel♠	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
3.32	Foster (John)	29	-5	0.5	2.3	...
4.13	Gaskell	86	...	8.5	...	...
28.00	Hicking Pntcst	171	...	3.4	2.7	14.5
3.70	Jerome (S)	49	+4	1.0	...	...
95.70	Lamont	319	+6	...	5.0	15.6
75.60	Leeds	620	+17	...	2.3	20.3
6.42	Lister	39	-2	0.1	0.3	...
8.43	Lyles (S)	116	...	4.9	5.6	13.2
6.45	Parkland 'A'	93	+3	2.0	2.9	...
180.80	Readicut	94	...	3.4	4.9	18.7
1.81	SEET	45	...	...	...	...
48.70	Sirdar	91	-1	5.1	7.7	15.7
46.70	Stirling Gp	34	+1	1.6	4.1	22.4
30.30	Stoddard	43	-6	2.6	8.1	11.5
19.20	Tomkinsons	309	-7	11.5	5.0	26.7
7.73	West Trust	48	...	...	...	...
16.90	Yorklyde	345	+5	9.7	3.8	16.1

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,049.40	BAT	948	+13	...	5.4	20.0
3,956.70	Rothmans 'B'	684	+5	10.2	2.1	14.9

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
752.10	Assoc Br Ports	402	+9	8.5	2.8	...
4,838.60	BAA	795	+21	14.5	2.4	14.0
2,186.90	Br Airways	285	+5	10.1	4.6	7.9
14.90	Clarkson (H)	74	-1	8.0	...	3.5
26.30	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
1,288.60	Eurotunnel Uts	474	+10	...	...	...
12.10	Fisher (James)	49	-2	5.5	...	13.7
10.60	Graig	132	-1	4.5	...	...
22.40	IoM Steam	156	...	...	4.4	...
6.91	Jacobs (JI)	30	...	...	6.4	7.5
10.10	Lon O'seas Frts	67	+14	1.9	8.4	17.9
86.50	Manchstr Sh	216½	+16½	1.2	2.5	4.1
305.50	Mersey Docks	542	+2	4.5	0.3	11.8
70.90	Natl Express	197	...	7.5	3.0	-
1,379.10	NFC	253	-14	...	4.8	13.0
447.60	Ocean Group	291	+6	6.5	3.5	19.1
32.60	Ocean Wilson	52	-1	14.3	6.6	13.2
3,175.30	P & O Dfd	566	-8	...	6.8	11.6
88.00	P & O 5 1/2%	132	+1	30.5	7.2	20.0
354.50	Powell Duffryn	529	+1	...	5.6	...
11.50	Seacoma	118	+6	22.6	5.7	21.1
49.70	TIP Europe	29½	-5	...	5.8	7.4
243.00	TNT	45	+2	1.4	6.3	7.2
317.60	Tibbet & Britn	730	+7½	...	...	...
799.70	Tiphook	364	+12	17.3	2.0	29.2
398.40	TDG	266	-28	9.5	4.9	-

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,557.60	Anglian Water	528	...	19.3	4.9	9.6
412.10	Northumbrian	645	+7	20.5	4.4	6.4
1,824.30	North West	511	-2	19.6	5.1	9.0
1,802.00	Severn Trent	500	+7	19.3	5.1	7.4
665.60	Sthn Water	523	+6	19.5	5.0	8.3
69.40	Sth Staffs	1285	...	40.2	4.2	8.3
680.30	South West	546	+2	21.7	5.3	8.3
2,102.10	Thames Water	539	+8	19.2	4.7	10.2
847.00	Welsh Water	597	+2	21.4	4.9	6.8
775.00	Wessex Water	637	+9	...	4.1	8.5
1,136.00	Yorkshire W	572	+9	19.5	4.5	9.3

Source: Finstat

♠ Unlisted; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; † Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; † Ex capital distribution; — Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

O&Y assets can be seized

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

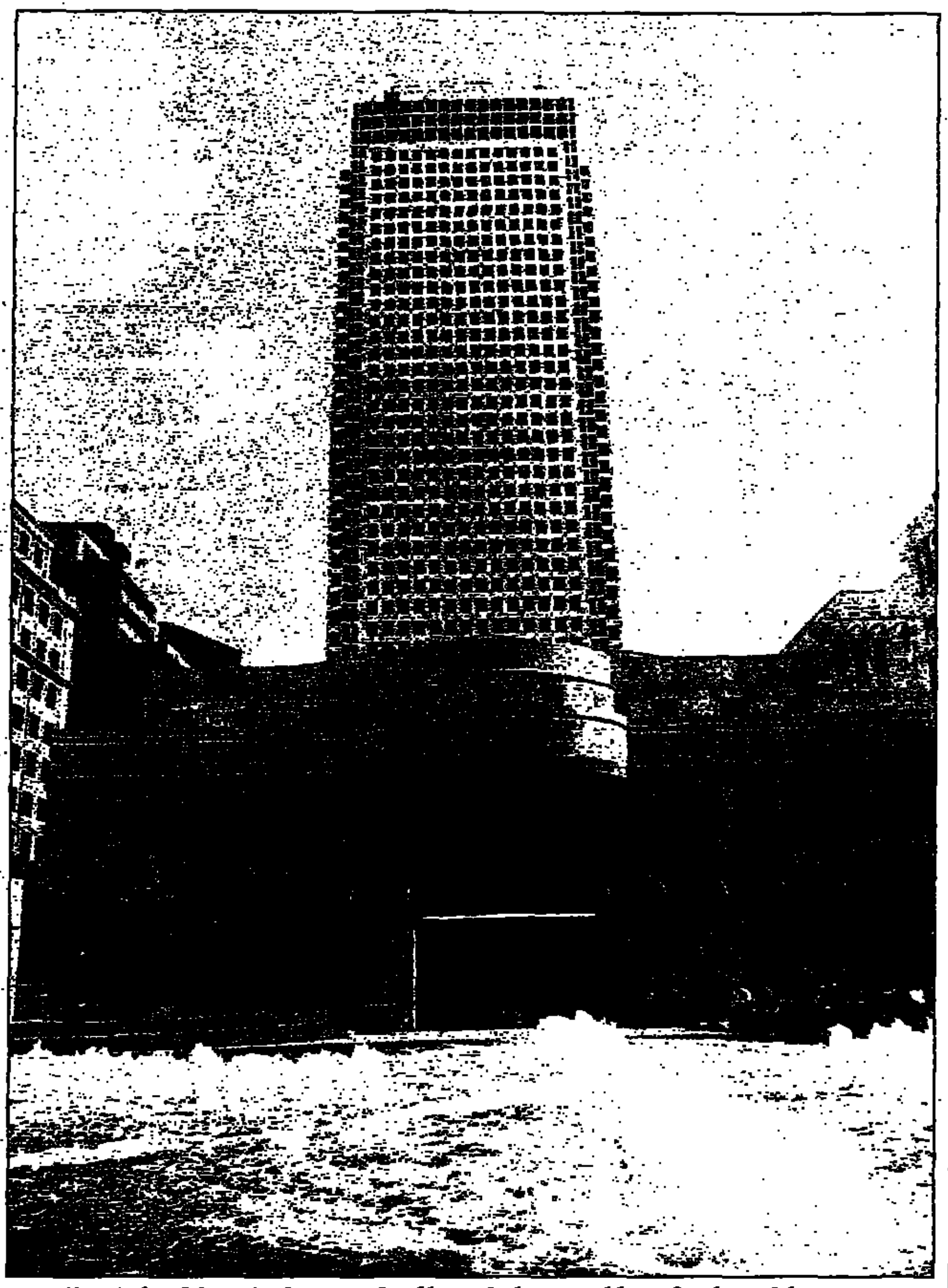
CREDITORS of Olympia & York Developments, once the world's largest property group that collapsed while building Canary Wharf, will be free to seize its assets from today.

The move follows its emergence from the Canadian bankruptcy courts over the weekend and consummation of a plan to restructure its US$7 billion of Canadian debts, which included allowing creditors to take back assets. O&Y will now be run by Robert Lowe, deputy chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, as the court-appointed administrator. The move formally wrests control of the property empire from Paul, Albert and Ralph Reichmann, who built the business from a floor-covering company into an empire that was once valued at more than US$30 billion.

Bondholders owed US$115 million are already poised to seize Fifth Avenue Place, a twin tower complex in Alberta, and others are expected to take over more than a dozen of O&Y's office towers and controlling stakes in Gulf Canada Resources Ltd and Abitibi-Price Inc., two leading Canadian natural resource firms.

O&Y and 28 of its units filed for Canadian bankruptcy court protection on May 14, 1992. Two weeks later, its Canary Wharf project in Docklands sought the appointment of administrators. The Canadian restructuring plan was agreed late on Friday after the New York bankruptcy court dismissed the Chapter 11 cases of Olympia & York Developments Ltd, but retained jurisdiction of O&Y's Canadian units with American assets.

Meanwhile, O&Y's attempts to restructure US$6 billion worth of debts secured over its American properties has still not been settled. Bondholders with debts secured against Olympia & York Maiden Lane took newspaper advertisements last week seeking to form a committee after claiming O&Y was in default by failing to supply an unqualified auditors report. A spokesman for O&Y strenuously denied that the company was in default on Maiden Lane.



Fountain of despair: Canary Wharf brought huge problems for the Reichmanns

EC seeks UK plans

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

HENNING Christophersen, the EC's finance commissioner, will today ask John Cope, the paymaster general, for further details of how the government intends to spur economic growth in Britain.

The Danish commissioner's much-maligned "EC growth package" will be the main item on the agenda for European finance ministers at their meeting in Brussels. Mr Christophersen is deeply disappointed by the response of member states to his plans, which he hoped might trigger investments of up to £50 billion in infrastructure.

At a private briefing with Danish journalists in Strasbourg last week, he was particularly critical of Britain and Germany for not coming up with more concrete proposals. For its part, the government claims it has furnished the commissioner with its plans.

Second-guessing the £50bn question

The gilt market has performed well in the run-up to the Budget. Over the past month the yield on the long-dated benchmark gilt has fallen from 8.6 to 8.1 per cent. Since sterling left the exchange-rate mechanism, the yield has fallen nearly 1.5 percentage points from its high point in October. Of course, the fall in gilt yields is accompanied by lower bond yields in Europe, the US and Japan.

This is a natural response to low and falling inflation as well as weak levels of economic activity. Against this background, it is not surprising that policy makers, where possible, are cutting short-term interest rates to growth-friendly levels. But to more immediate matters. The big £50 billion question is: will this week's Budget be good or bad for gilts? From a macroeconomic point of view, the Chancellor has to frame a Budget supporting the "going for growth" strategy but reassure the market that he is tackling the sharp rise in government borrowing.

In this regard, the market is looking for a net rise in taxation of about £2.5 billion followed by a further £4 billion rise in the November Budget when the economy is likely to be on a firmer footing. Of course, the size of fiscal tightening required just to bring government borrowing back to last year's Budget target is a growth-busting £20-25 billion.

Since that target was made, spending power in the economy has shrunk by at least £30 billion while planned tax revenues for 1993-4 are likely to have dropped by £20 billion. Also public spending has risen sharply since 1990-1. The new control total (NCT), which allows for the effects of the recession on spending, shows rises of 2.8 per cent in 1991-2 and 5.4 per cent in 1992-3 in real terms. But Mr Lamont is likely to take a "baby-steps" approach to tax rises, given the prospect of below-trend growth of about 1 per cent this year (1.5 per cent at best on the Treasury's new forecast). But even as the government sends its last sacred cow to the slaughter, there will be some concern over the scale of medium-term government borrowing.

GILT-EDGED

This year (1992-3), there may be some good news in that borrowing falls short of the Chancellor's £37 billion projection. But in 1993-4, it may rise another £10 billion as unemployment continues to rise and growth remains below trend. It might not peak until 1995-6 depending on how fast the economy grows and how far the Chancellor raises taxes and cuts spending. While there is almost certainly a cyclical element attached to the borrowing surge, it looks as if Britain might end up with a "structural" deficit of no less than 4 per cent of GDP for the rest of the decade.

Britain is not alone though in experiencing some slippage on the fiscal side. The rest of Europe is already moving towards a situation of higher budget deficits to the extent that the only big economies able to meet the Maastricht budget criteria will be the US and Japan! Indeed, Mr Lamont's Budget is likely to follow the general direction of President Clinton's economic package in its emphasis on spending cuts and tax rises.

Front-runners on the tax side in the Budget will probably include partly extending VAT to zero-rated items, a rise in motoring taxes and a freeze on personal tax allowances and thresholds. For gilts, ending the "full funding" rule and an extension of Peps to include gilts will be received positively. The only fly in the ointment will be the inflation outlook. VAT rises, the impact of the council tax and the lagged effects of sterling's devaluation can easily produce an inflation "hump" in 1994. But disinflationary forces elsewhere in the economy are still strong. Growth in unit wage costs, the bulk of manufacturers' costs, is flat and there is still much excess capacity.

To answer the big £50 billion question posed earlier — yes, I think Mr Lamont will produce a canny Budget that, on balance, is good for gilts and allow a further reduction in yields, perhaps moving towards the 7 per cent level by the end of the year.

NEIL MACKINNON
Citibank

REPORTING THIS WEEK

US problems likely to bite into profits at United Biscuits

SIR Robert Clarke, the chairman of **United Biscuits**, the biscuits and snacks group which recently sold its Terry's chocolate business to Philip Morris of the US, is expected to report a decline in full-year profits on Thursday.

Michael Landemore at Henderson Crosthwaite has pencilled in final pre-tax profits "just over" £160 million, against £211.2 million last time. A maintained dividend of 15.3p is expected. Market forecasts range from £157 million to £164 million. The anticipated decline will largely be due to a significantly lower contribution from Keebler, the group's troubled American biscuits subsidiary.

TODAY

Laporte, the specialty chemicals group which recently took over Evode, is expected to turn in final pre-tax profits of £87 million (£97.2 million), according to Philip Morrish at Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £85 million to £87 million. The company forecast profits of not less than £86 million at the time of the Evode bid, and also pledged to lift the annual dividend to 19.5p (18.9p).

James Ross at Hoare Govett expects **Delta**, the cables and engineering group, to report final pre-tax profits of between £50 million and £55 million, including up to £5 million of provisions for rationalisation in US. This compares with last time's £65.8 million profit.

A six-month contribution from Midland Bank and the Hong Kong dollar's rise against sterling are expected to boost 1992 profits from **HSBC Holdings**. Analysts' forecasts for final pre-tax profits range from £1.2 billion to £1.85 billion, against £880 million last time, with the wide range of spreads due to uncertainties over levels of provisioning and currency gains. A dividend of between 15.8p and 17.7p is forecast, against 13p previously. The result will probably include an exceptional £264 million gain on the sale of HSBC's stake in Cathay Pacific, but also about £213 million of provisions against Olympia & York.

Final figures from **English China Clays** will reflect the weakness of the European paper market and the effects of strong US competition on clay prices. Mark Hake, at Nikko, is looking for a drop in final pre-tax profits to £85 million (£115.4 million). Market forecasts range from £85 million to £105 million. A maintained dividend of 20p is expected. Attention will focus on volume and price pressures, while this year's outlook is still uncertain.

Final pre-tax profits at **Rugby**, the building materials group, are expected to be £55 million to £58 million, against £55.8 million last time.

Interims: European Leisure, MAI, Unigroup. **Finals:** Abbott Mead Vickers, Alliance Trust, Antofagasta Holdings, BPP Holdings, Claremont Garments, Delta, Emess, English China Clays, HSBC Holdings, IMI, JIB Group, Laporte, Metalrax, J N Nichols (Vimto), Peek, Ransomes, Record Holdings, Rugby Group, Takare, United Uniform Services, Wassall, Walmoughs (Holdings).
Economic statistics: index of production (January).

TOMORROW

Hefty provisions for UK and US housing could push **George Wimpey** deeper into the red. Final pre-tax losses are likely to deepen to £120 million (£16.1 million loss), predicts Nikko. A halved dividend of 5.25p is forecast.

Interims: Attwoods, Paterson Zochonis, Scholes Group
Finals: Dartmoor Investment Trust, Graseby, Hampden Group, Johnson Group Cleaners, Law Debenture Corp, Lionheart, River & Mercantile American Cap, Simons Engineering, Thornton Asian Emerging Markets, George Wimpey
Economic statistics: The Budget, company liquidity (fourth quarter), public sector borrowing requirement (February).

WEDNESDAY

Full-year profits at **Marley**, the building materials group, are expected to fall to £7 million (£25 million), according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £7 million to £10 million. A payout of 4.2p (6.35p) is predicted.

Interims: Dunton Group, Golden Hope Plantations, Minorco, Zambia Copper Inv.
Finals: Marley, Aga Aktiebolag, Avonside Group, Bowthorpe, British Mohair Holdings, Celestion Industries, Chieftain Group, Daniels (S), Expamet International, James Fisher & Sons, Plantsbrook Group, Portals Group, Premier Consolidated Oilfields, Singapore Para Rubber, Spandex, Thomson Corp, Try Group, WSP Holdings.
Economic statistics: Capital expenditure and stockbuilding (fourth quarter - revised), retail sales (February).

THURSDAY

Barclays de Zoete Wedd expects **Guinness** to report final pre-tax profits of £793 million after £125 million of exceptional reorganisation costs, compared with profits of £956 million. Market forecasts range from £790 million to £800 million. BZW believes that a dividend of at least 11.5p (10.8p) is likely.

UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £112 million (£39.8 million) for **Legal & General**, the life assurance group. Market forecasts range from £96 million to £128 million.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the paper making group, is expected to report final pre-tax profits of £155 million to £165 million, compared with £231.5 million last time.

Acquisitions and organic growth should help full year profits at **Rentokil**, the environmental services and property care group, climb to £120 million (£94.6 million), according to Smith New Court.

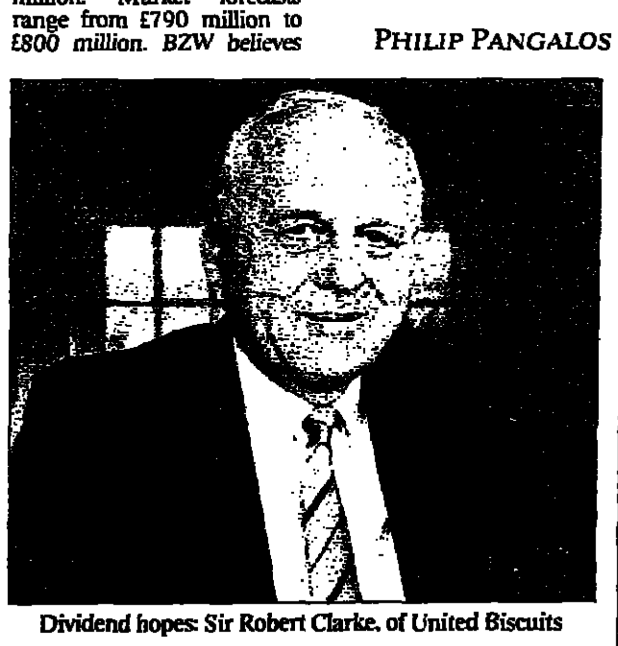
Reed International, the publishing giant, is expected to turn in final pre-tax profits of £231 million (£191.1 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £230 million to £240 million.

Interims: Bankers Investment Trust (D), Ernest Green & Partners, Melville Group.
Finals: Arjo Wiggins Appleton, Automated Security, Cattle's Holdings, Charles Baynes, Coats Viyella, Commercial Bank of London, Crestacare, Davis Service Group, Edmond Holdings, Evans Halshaw Holdings, Guinness, Kwik-Fit Holdings, Legal & General, Mandarin Oriental International, Martin Currie Pacific Trust (D), Quicks Group, Rentokil Group, Rotork, Rutland Trust, Schroders, Seafield Resources, Telemetrix, Thames Television, Trade Indemnity, Trio Holdings, United Biscuits, Vinten Group.
Economic statistics: Labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (February - provisional); average earnings indices (January - provisional); major British banking groups' monthly statements (February), building societies monthly figures (February), provisional figures of vehicle production (February).

FRIDAY

Interims: Fortnum & Mason.
Finals: Anglia Television, Arcolectric (Holdings), Bennett & Fountain, British-Borneo Petroleum, Britannic Assurance, Global Group, Haden MacLellan, Hornby, IOM Steam Packet, Molins.
Economic statistics: Retail prices index and tax and price index (February).

PHILIP PANGALOS



Dividend hopes: Sir Robert Clarke, of United Biscuits

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4345 (-0.0145)
German mark
2.3887 (-0.0203)
Exchange index
77.3 (-0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2268.0 (+2.1)
FT-SE 100
2915.9 (-6.2)
New York Dow Jones
3427.82 (+23.24)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18037.52 (+1219.82)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
	SHORTS (under 5 years)				
1,100	Treas 12¼% 1993	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.22	5.53
600	Fund 6% 1993	100[illegible]	...	5.99	5.51
1,065	Treas 13¾% 1993	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.03	5.43
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	102[illegible]	...	8.28	5.36
550	Treas 14½% 1994	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.36	5.34
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.43	5.44
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.50	5.49
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	109[illegible]	...	11.40	5.50
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	105[illegible]	...	8.54	5.55
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	111[illegible]	...	10.80	5.63
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	96[illegible]	...	3.11	4.75
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.34	5.78
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.92	5.89
770	Treas 14% 1996	120[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.64	6.12
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	125[illegible]	...	12.18	6.25
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.06	6.26
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.97	6.42
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.82	6.55
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.24	6.53
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.06	6.49
830	Exch 15% 1997	132[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.35	6.52
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.66	6.65
	MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
2,500	Treas 7¼% 1998	103[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.14	6.48
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.69	6.52
935	Treas 15½% 1998	138[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.19	7.00
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.79	7.11
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.45	6.88
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	124[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.84	7.17
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.95	7.01
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.79	7.09
4,758	Conv 9% 2000	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.14	7.04
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	130[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.95	7.46
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.69	7.44
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	129[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.83	7.14
6,127	Treas 9¾% 2002	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.54	7.62
3,100	Treas 8pc 2003	57[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.76	7.56
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	115[illegible]	...	8.63	7.76
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	122[illegible] †	+[illegible]	9.40	7.71
493	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74[illegible]	-[illegible]	4.72	6.80
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.49	7.91
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.49	7.95
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.52	8.07
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	100[illegible] †	-[illegible]	7.96	7.92
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	125[illegible]	...	9.40	8.01
2,997	Treas 8½% 2007	103[illegible]	...	8.20	8.05
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	139[illegible] †	-[illegible]	9.70	8.06
	LONGS (over 15 years)				
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	107[illegible] †	-[illegible]	8.35	8.10
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	98[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.09	8.11
2,923	Conv 9% 2011	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.42	8.25
4,850	Treas 9% 2012	106[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.42	8.27
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.27	7.98
700	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.05	8.11
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	154[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.94	8.45
5,250	Treas 8¾% 2017	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.94	8.33
	UNDATED				
359	Consols 4%	47[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.47	...
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.41	...
122	Conv 3½%	62[illegible]	+[illegible]	5.59	...
276	Consols 2½%	31[illegible] †	-[illegible]	8.05	...
475	Treas 2½%	29[illegible] †	-[illegible]	8.40	...
	INDEX-LINKED				
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	132[illegible]	-[illegible]	...	0.75
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	196[illegible] †	+[illegible]	1.47	2.17
500	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108[illegible]	...	2.01	2.55
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166[illegible] †	+[illegible]	2.59	2.92
800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.76	3.03
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.89	3.15
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	168[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.99	3.20
1,400	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.22	3.40
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.29	3.46
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.35	3.51
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.42	3.57
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131[illegible] †	+[illegible]	3.48	3.61
1,200	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.51	3.63
650	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.52	3.64

Ford

Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by Ford Motor Company (U.S.) on 14 January 1993 NOTICE is now given that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable on or after 15 March 1993.

Gross Distribution per unit 2-0000 Cents
Less 15% USA Withholding Tax 0-3000 Cents
1-7000 Cents
Converted at $1-4625 £0.01162393

Claims should be lodged with the DEPOSITARY: National Westminster Bank PLC, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB on special forms obtainable from that Office.

United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should mark payment of the dividend in the appropriate square on the reverse of the certificate.

All other claimants must complete the special form and present this at the above address together with the certificate(s) for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC. Postal applications cannot be accepted.

Dated 15 March 1993

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

WIRRA
(a) An exclamation of sorrow or lament, preceded by *oh* = the Irish *a muire*, from the Irish *a muire is truaige*: " 'Oh, wirra, wirra, what'll I do!' the Irishman exclaimed, helplessly wringing his hands."

MAYA
(c) Illusion, a prominent term of Hindu philosophy, from the Sanskrit *māyā*: "Religion teaches us that only by looking on the world and the lust thereof as Maya, as illusion, vanity, deceptive appearance, can we get near to God."

FORRIT
(c) Forward, representing *forward*, or a coalescence of this with *foresight*. Burns, *Pastoral Poetry*: "Come forrit, honest Allan!" "Things wunna retire and come forrit as I wish."

CATHARAN
(b) One who professes superior purity; a puritan; a name applied to various sects, as the Novatians, Paulicians, Waldenses; also, like Catharist, to the English Puritans; from the Greek *katharoi* the pure (masculine) ones: "The Catharans which think God's people be regenerate into a pure and angelical state."

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE
The fatal weakness of black's back rank is exposed by 1 Qf7! Rg8 (1 ... Rxf7 2 Re8+) 2 Re8.

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LEGAL NOTICES

KENTFERN LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 26th day of March, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 10th day of March 1993.
M. BARLEY, Director.

No. 001512 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF AEG OLYMPIA (UK) LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on Wednesday 17th February 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £18,399,897.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 31st March 1993.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of any Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any said person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 15th day of March 1993.
Simmons & Simmons (RHB/AMC)
14 Dominion Street
London EC2M 2RJ
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

No. 001692 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FILOFAX GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 23rd day of February 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 24th day of March 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated 11th March 1993.
Bebarrell, Thompson & Co
20 Old Bailey
London EC4M 7JP
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DIVIDEND
INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 11.2(1A)
In the matter of ASHTON GLASS AND GLAZING COMPANY LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
I, Brian Lawrence Lasky of Messrs Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS Liquidator of Ashton Glass and Glazing Company Limited hereby give notice that it is intended to declare a dividend in the above matter. Any creditor who wishes to be included in the dividend is required to furnish details of their claim to the Liquidator in writing within 21 days of the date hereof or be excluded from the dividend.
It is intended that a first and final dividend be declared within the period of four months from the last day for proving.
Dated this 8th day of March 1993.
Brian Lawrence Lasky
Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Name of Company: Continental Farms Limited. Registered number: 1560491. Which traded under the name of: Continental Farms Ltd and Suprise Bouquets. Nature of business: Flower importer. Trade classification: 18.
NOTICE is hereby given that we, F Stansill and L Hornan of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Continental Farms Limited on 26th February 1993 by Barclays Bank PLC under the powers contained in a debenture dated 27th June 1991 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company.
Assets of the company of which the person appointed is not made receiver: None.
5 March 1993
L. Hornan
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Marubeni International Petroleum Co., (UK) Limited
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
I, David John Pallen of Ernst & Young, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 hereby give notice that on 9 March 1993 I was appointed liquidator of the above named company.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company are required, on or before 14 April 1993, to send in their full names and addresses, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to me and if so required by notice in writing from me, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
NB: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Date 10 March 1993
D J Pallen, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
FORDHAM THERMAL SYSTEMS CO LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 10th March 1993.
Dated this 11th day of March 1993
M R Dorrington, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Marubeni Software and Technology (Europe) Limited
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
I, David John Pallen of Ernst & Young, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 hereby give notice that on 10 March 1993 I was appointed liquidator of the above named company.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above company are required, on or before 14 April 1993, to send in their full names and addresses, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to me and if so required by notice in writing from me, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
NB: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Date, 11 March 1993
D J Pallen, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Impetus Colour Limited
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Malcolm Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 24 February 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 5 March 1993
M Cohen, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HOWARD & BUCKNER SALES LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Howard & Buckner Sales Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 5th March 1993.
DATED this 5th day of March 1993
N J Hamilton-Smith
Liquidator.

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, a quarterly dividend of eight cents (8c) Canadian per share on the outstanding Ordinary Shares was declared, payable on April 28, 1993, to holders of record at the close of business on March 26, 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.
D.J. DEEGAN
VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
CALGARY, March 8, 1993

QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY
Notice to Security Holders
The Annual General Meeting of the Security Holders of Quebec Central Railway Company will be held in the Conference Room, Room 156, Windsor Station, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 1993, at the hour of 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon for presentation of the financial statements; the election of two directors to represent the Security Holders of the Company until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company; the appointment of the auditor of the Company; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D.J. Kezar, Secretary.
MONTREAL, Quebec.
February 26, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity of Sadie Phyllis Morlock
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGV-165734-CD-LDN3. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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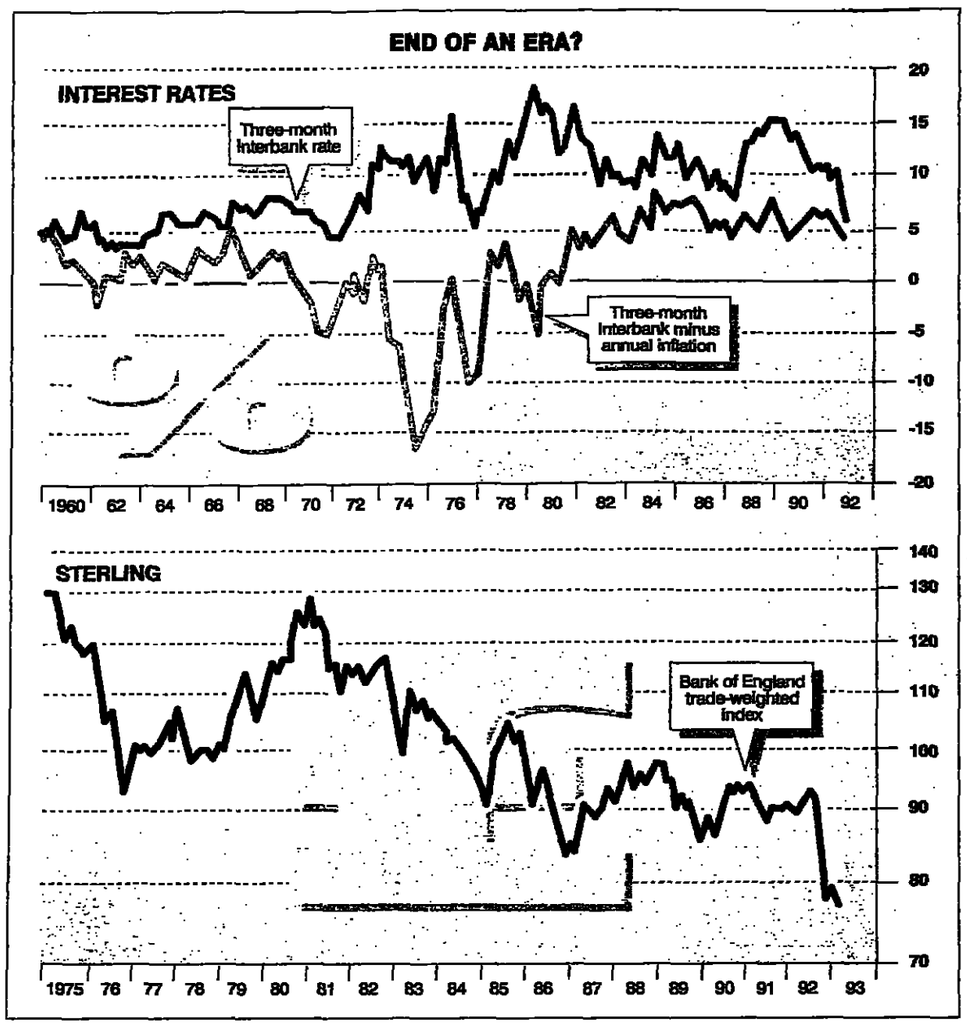
ECONOMIC VIEW

A new regime is needed, not tinkering to restore confidence

Anatole Kaletsky calls for the prime minister and Chancellor to admit to past economic misjudgments



Whatever Norman Lamont does in tomorrow's Budget, one thing is certain: he will not announce the one measure that would do more than any amount of fiscal tinkering to restore business confidence and put the British economy firmly on the path of rapid non-inflationary growth. I am not referring to the many intelligent reform proposals — such as the redirection of mortgage tax relief into a mortgage benefit scheme for low-paid homeowners, or the introduction of *statutory interest on unpaid business debts* — which the Chancellor appears to have rejected, in favour of his obsession with cutting the main tax rate to 29 per cent (20 per cent income tax and 9 per cent national insurance).

None of these omitted measures can compare with what ought to have been the centrepiece of tomorrow's news: an announcement that the Queen would confer John Major's new-style meritorious knighthoods on Helmut Schlesinger, George Soros, and Jean-Claude Trichet, head of the French Treasury, *for services to the British economy on* White Wednesday, exactly six months before Budget day. Thousands of businessmen and homeowners who have been saved by White Wednesday owe a huge debt of gratitude to those who organised Britain's escape from the ERM. But Mr Major should honour Britain's economic saviours for reasons far beyond mere gratitude.

First there is simple morality. As long as Messrs Lamont and Major try to take personal credit for an economic revival which they actually did *everything in their power to prevent*, Britain's political currency will remain far more deeply devalued than the pound. By making a clean breast of it, and admitting their economic management before White Wednesday was an unmitigated disaster, the prime minister and Chancellor would instantly lift the cloud of irresponsibility, hypocrisy and falsehood that has darkened every corner of British public life, from the parliamentary debate on Maastricht to the management of once-great institutions like the BBC. Far from provoking derision or attack, the government's candour in admitting past misjudgments would inspire an upsurge of popular support. Britain's traditions of common sense and fair play may no longer count for much among politicians, but the people are still intelligent enough to know when they are being gulled, and proud enough to resent it.

But even more important than morality, there is a powerful economic reason for the government formally to turn its back on the ERM disaster, and to underline this conversion with every symbolic gesture at the prime minister's command. For until the government does this, there will be a gulf between the government's expansionary actions and its deflationary rhetoric. This will produce a damaging anxiety about the future in business, the markets and among the public. However much Mr Major does to *stimulate the economy with easier* monetary policy and a lower exchange rate, and however hard the Treasury tries to put the public finances back on an even keel, the public will justifiably worry about a return to the ERM policy of high interest rates, an overvalued currency and soaring public deficits. As *a result, economic growth will be slow* and halting. It is now clear from the statistics the worst of the recession was over by last summer, even before sterling left the ERM. But the economy was bound to remain sickly as long as Britain stayed in — as I argued at the time, the outlook was for a slow convalescence, rather than a full recovery. On White Wednesday, the prospects were suddenly transformed, and since then there has been every chance of a normal recovery, with the economy growing by 3 or 4 per cent annually and unemployment starting to fall sharply by the end of this year. But until the old economic policy is repudiated, business and the public will remain stuck in the ERM mindset, believing nothing better than feeble growth and *steadily mounting* unemployment will be possible for years. Most City and business economists continue to believe, for example, that Britain will not be able to sustain growth of more than 2½ per cent a year without running almost immediately into a "balance of payments crisis". Actually, it is logically impossible for the balance of payments to act as a constraint on *growth and employment, as long as the* pound is allowed to float. But a nation conditioned by the ERM ideology thinks the logical impossibility is something quite different — a truly flexible exchange rate and full employment.

As long as this kind of conditioning persists, business confidence will continue to be periodically shattered by fears about sterling and the balance of payments. Corporate managers will continue to win plaudits from shareholders for shedding capacity, instead of expanding and bankers will boast about cutting back loans. As a result, thousands of businesses and jobs will be lost for no reason. Further damage will be done to the public finances, and mounting deficits will add to the burden on taxpayers for years. In the end, interest rates and the pound will probably fall even further than if the government's unconditional commitment to an expansionary policy had been clear from the start. The problem I have described is known to economists as the difference between a policy and a "regime". A regime is a framework of *concepts that conditions* business behaviour far more deeply and lasts much longer than any policy or government. A change in regime may occur only once in a decade or a generation. At first sight, the regime change that seems most relevant to the present economic predicament is the one that occurred in the mid-1970s, when the commitment to rapid economic growth and full employment *was gradually replaced by* the preoccupation with fighting inflation. This shift is clearly visible in the chart of British interest rates over the past 30 years. Low, stable, real interest rates in the 1960s were replaced first by negative rates, as the full-employment regime became unsustainable, then by *a series of wild lurches during the* transitional crisis, and finally by very high real rates as the new anti-inflationary regime became fully established in the 1980s.

Far from provoking derision or attack, the government's candour over misjudgment would inspire support

With price stability returning and unemployment being recognised as the world's single most important economic problem, the present outbreak of global economic confusion is probably *symptomatic* of another shift between regimes like that of the mid-1970s. As the global slump has deepened, crusaders against inflation like Mr Major have looked increasingly quixotic, like generals fighting the last war. It is tempting to conclude that, once the dust has settled, the world will return to the Keynesian full-employment policies of the 1960s — far more successful in raising living standards than anything before or since.

But before businessmen start acting *on the possibility of another golden era* of rapid non-inflationary growth, they will need a symbol from the government. As Professor Peter Temin says in *Lessons of the Great Depression*, a book that should have been on every minister's reading list after White Wednesday, it took many years before the economy began to enjoy the full benefits of the great change in regime when Britain abandoned the gold standard in 1931: "People had expectations about the policy regime that had to be changed. They regarded *actions that departed from the deflationary* policy regime initially as aberrations that had no implications for the regime as a whole. There needed to be a dramatic and highly visible change."

Over to you, Mr Major.

From next week, Economic View will be on Thursday, instead of Monday.

Heavy burden of ACT

AS the company reporting season progresses, one feature that stands out is the number of companies suffering heavy advance corporation tax (ACT) bills. Last week, GKN, BAT Industries, Standard Chartered and RTZ all suffered tax charges of up to 63 per cent due to unrelieved ACT payments.

Tax charges of this magnitude are debilitating. By squeezing cash flow, they reduce a company's ability to pay down debts and invest into the recovery. GKN paid more than £15 million last year, or a quarter of its total tax bill, on unrelieved ACT. As a result, its dividend was barely covered by earnings. ACT also directly hurts investors by restricting dividend growth. Standard Chartered was, admittedly, in no position to pay a higher dividend, but if it had been, ACT could have pushed the tax charge over 70 per cent.

The current ACT regime was designed to simplify the process of collecting tax on dividends. It was never intended to penalise companies for having large overseas operations. In past recessions, companies have grudgingly paid ACT in the knowledge that when the economy improves comes and their domestic profits recover they will be able to offset the payments. That is no longer the case. British companies have succeeded by winning customers, and establishing subsidiaries, abroad. Many are so internationally diverse that they will continue paying ACT when the British economy is at its best, ACT they can never hope to utilise.

The Chancellor may announce some initiative on ACT in his Budget tomorrow, perhaps the establishment of a working party to look into the subject. The Treasury, however, will be loath to scrap the system entirely. The surplus pool of ACT has risen to more than £5 billion, equivalent to a tenth of next year's borrowing requirement.

Pilkington

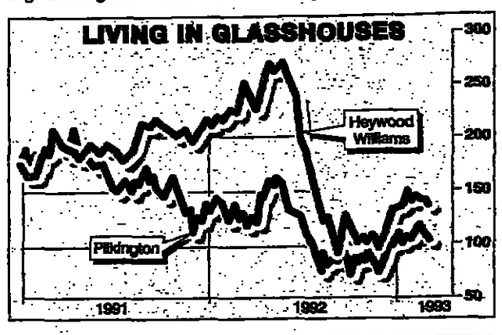
HAVING failed to make price increases stick in the past, Pilkington, the glass-maker, is now buying its main distributor to ensure it can in the future.

However, its purchase of Heywood Williams' glass business for a hefty £95 million may be a double-edged sword. Although it can now control pricing in approximately one quarter of the market, that hardly constitutes a stranglehold.

Independent distributors will be unhappy to see Pilkington encroaching on their territory and could well penalise the company by sourcing their supplies elsewhere.

In fact, it is not gaining that much share. Heywood has been sourcing two thirds of its supplies from Pilkington anyway, so, in effect, it is adding less than an 8 per cent share to its tally. The financial impact, however, will make itself felt, pushing debt over the £1 billion mark. A few disposals are urgently needed. That said, the group probably had little option. If it had not snapped up Heywood one of its rivals would have, thereby decimating Pilkington's dominant business. Heywood shareholders can hardly be ecstatic either — this is hardly the point in the cycle to be left with a cash mountain.

But if the company uses the proceeds to make a canny acquisition, then the prospects for Heywood look bright. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for Pilkington.



London Electric

BARGAIN-hunters looking for a cheap new television or stereo might do worse than to concentrate their efforts in coming months on those branches of Dixons that are close to one of the electrical goods stores being divested by London Electricity.

The antipathy felt by Stanley Kalms at Dixons for electricity companies that impinge on his patch is well known, and it is now open season for the management buyout team.

The sale by London, far from a clean and comfortable exit from an area that has absorbed an unreasonable amount of top management's time since privatisation, speaks volumes about prospects on the high street, even in the first phases of the much-vaunted consumer spending upturn. None of London's regional competitors wanted to know; after a disappointing Christmas in the centre of the capital — which was not helped by IRA bombs — not even Eastern, Midlands and Southern, already in a joint retail venture and close geographically, were tempted to move in closer.

Instead, London had to tie its retail package up in a pretty bow and hand it to the existing management, who were allowed to cherry-pick the outlets they wanted while London funded the cheap buyout terms on offer. Even so, they will need every bit of luck to outpace Dixons and other larger competitors with deep pockets and hefty buying power.

David Brown

IF the success of recent issues such as David Lloyd Leisure is anything to go by, there is considerable demand for new equity as the economy eases out of recession. David Brown, specialist gear and pump engineer, which comes to the market next month, looks a soundly managed company in a sector poised for early recovery as the economic cycle improves.

Having been successfully turned round by the current management since a £46 million buy-in three years ago, David Brown is still one of the strongest brand names in British engineering, with good positions in its markets, despite having lost share to continental rivals. However, with a number of good new products coming on line, coupled with the competitive edge that has resulted from sterling's devaluation, the group should be able to regain some of that ground.

Although the financial details of the issue are yet to be confirmed, a prospective p/e of around 11 and a yield of 5 per cent are likely, reflecting the steady growth expected from the group. This represents a discount of more than 30 per cent to the sector, but since David Brown has weathered the recession better than most, the upside from recovery is not as high as it is for other engineering companies.

The dearth of new equity *should ensure a premium* when trading starts. Thereafter, David Brown looks like the kind of solid performer that will not give you sleepless nights.

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Placing and Public Offer by Sheppards

of 27,500,000 Ordinary Shares of 1p each at 20p per share payable in full on application of which 11,250,000 Ordinary Shares are being placed and 16,250,000 are being offered to the public

The business of Atreus, which will principally comprise that of the D8 (UK) Group, will be the designing, manufacturing, marketing and selling of a range of shower screens, shower enclosures and mirrors, mainly in the bathroom market

Share capital following the Merger, Offer and Acquisition

Authorised			Issued and fully paid	
Number	Amount		Number	Amount
50,000,000	£500,000	in ordinary shares of 1p each	36,051,123	£360,511

The Ordinary Shares now being issued will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing issued ordinary shares of Atreus PLC and will rank in full for all dividends and other distributions hereafter declared, made or paid in respect of the ordinary share capital of the Company.

Listing Particulars have been published which alone contain full details of the history and business of Atreus PLC.

Copies of the Listing Particulars relating to the above may be obtained during normal business hours on any workday, Saturdays and public holidays excepted, up to and including 18 March 1993 from the Company Announcements Office at the London Stock Exchange, London Stock Exchange Tower, Capel Court entrance, off Bartholomew Lane, London EC2 (for collection only) and up to 30 March 1993 from

Sheppards, No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QU
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Registrar's Department, PO Box 451 Owen House, 8 Bankhead Crossway North, Edinburgh EH11 0NU
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Registrar's Department, 67 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3DL
Atreus PLC, 10 Newhall Street, Birmingham B3 3LX

A MINI-PROSPECTUS AND APPLICATION FORM WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES ON 16 MARCH 1993

15 March 1993

Counting benefits of early retirement

From B. W. Cave

Sir, Full marks for the article by Graham Searjeant (March 10), on the state pensionable age debate.

I, and I am sure many others, have pondered why there cannot be a single "common sense" solution.

It would seem to me to be both logical and socially beneficial to allow people who so wish to retire earlier (say 60). This move could then create job opportunities for the younger element of the population desperate to start structural employment and family lives. The resultant saving on social security support and simultaneous tax contribution would surely go a long way towards "balancing the books".

Am I missing something or is this reasoning just too fiendishly simple?

Yours faithfully,
B. W. Cave,
Troglodytes,
61 Freemantle Road,
Bilton, Rugby.

Noting the greater worth of insured pensions

From Mr Michael A. Jones

Sir, Sean Hand's suggestion (Letters, March 8) that "insured pension schemes are just as susceptible to fraud as self-administered schemes" misses the point.

In the event of fraud in connection with an insured scheme, scheme members have standing behind them the insurance company, regulated by The Insurance Companies Act. This combination offers considerably more protection and better security than non-insured schemes.

To build on this, ABI has suggested measures to the Pension Law Review Committee (the Goode Committee) which will further enhance and strengthen protection for scheme members. These include monitoring by a strengthened watchdog body, safeguarding investments, disclosure of non-payment of contributions and plans to switch out of insurance, and clarifying responsibilities of the parties involved.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL A. JONES,
Chief executive,
Association of British Insurers (ABI),
51 Gresham Street, EC2.

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Seeking Titans' strength

THE BATTLE between Aberdeen Petroleum and Brabant Resources, its takeover target, has taken a bizarre new twist. Titan Oil & Metals Ltd and Titan Assets Ltd did not exactly endear themselves to Brabant when they pledged their collective 11.4 per cent stake to the Aberdeen camp. But with the zeal of a CIA operative in a Cold War spying novel, Brabant has done some investigating to find that the Titan companies are 51 per cent owned by Moscow's Imperial Bank. It had a hard time extracting much information from Moscow sources, other than that the bank is extremely well-connected with the old Communist Party nomenclatura. Sergei Sergeyevich Radyonov, chairman of the Imperial Bank and a former deputy chairman of the Russian Central Bank, was one of the heads of the "Menatep" banks allegedly established with party funds. Brabant is convinced the Imperial Bank, capitalised at $260 million, was formed by former party apparatchiks like Radyonov. Brabant is convinced that the real reason for Imperial's defection to Aberdeen is its close relations with the state gas export agency and Zarubeznefteexport, which builds refineries in Libya, Somalia and Pakistan.

Man of destiny

TIME for a new challenge for Peter Webb, the fund manager who has kept the small company specialist fund at Thornton Investment Management in number one or two position throughout the past five years. Webb, 32, is now branching out on his own. "I want more control over my destiny . . . I want my own business to survive or fail on its own merit," says Webb, who plans to manage funds independently for small companies capitalised at up to £50 million. Still negotiating his leaving package, he has not yet decided on a name for his new venture, which will be launched in early April. Gervase Williams, Webb's number two, has meanwhile decamped to County NatWest, replacing Stephen Williams, who has moved to Close Brothers.

Rooms with a view

THE splendid Pall Mall penthouse in which George Walker, former chairman of Brent Walker, entertained the City elite, is now on offer at £1.45 million for the 85-year lease. The penthouse, at 68 Pall Mall, overlooks St James's Palace, St James's park and the Houses of Parliament. Built in 1931 to replace the former junior Naval and Military Club, it was described then in the *Survey of London* as "a splendid climax to the south side of Pall Mall and like of Lutyens buildings, is a brilliant variation on a Palladian theme full of subtleties and felicities." The penthouse boasts a grand drawing room with double height, a barrel-vaulted ceiling, four bedrooms, three bathrooms and a kitchen/ breakfast room. Will the next entrepreneur step right up: agents handling the sale are Merrersh & Harding.

"I hear the Chancellor is thinking of VAT on recovery"

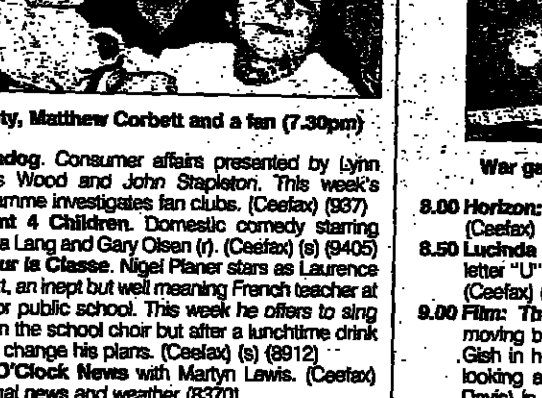
Women's work

TRAILBLAZING women seeking some recognition for their hard work now have a new port of call. The London Businesswoman's Network, which has set up a new Achievers' Award for *Women in Business*, will select 20 finalists on the basis of their achievements over the past 12 months. The winner will receive an engraved crystal bowl and two first-class tickets to any destination in the US from United Airlines. Judges include Angela Hooper, the deputy mayor of Westminster, Eve Pollard, editor of the *Sunday Express*, Glenys Roberts of *The Sunday Telegraph* and Lady Dale Tryon, the fashion designer better known as Prince Charles' friend "Kanga". Entry forms can be obtained from the London Businesswoman's Network, but there is no rush: the deadline for nominations is September.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (23776) **7.00 Breakfast News** (75155134)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (5235757) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show (s) (4521486)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (7475329) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (s) (7254689)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (56811776)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Quiz game host William G. Stewart is Judi Spiers's guest today (s) (6559660) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29878399)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (67047)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43598347) **1.50 Big Water, Rough Ride.** The story of the speedboat race from Cowes to Torquay and back, held every August bank holiday (35824757)
2.20 Dallas (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2267863)
3.10 Family Affairs. A look at the difficulties faced by mixed raced parents in helping their children establish their own identities (s) (7086009)
3.40 Cartoon featuring Bugs Bunny (2387979) **3.45 Stoppit and Tidyup.** Animation narrated by Terry Wogan (r) (2379950) **3.50 Poddington Peas** (2787405) **3.55 Radio Roo.** Comedy drama series (s) (8969738) **4.10 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (8700863) **4.25 Peter Pan and the Pirates.** (Ceefax) (s) (8789370) **4.45 Two Weeks With the Queen.** The first of a five-part story by Morris Gleitzman, told by Kristian Schmid (s) (3960405)
5.00 Newsround (1599028) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Children's magazine (r) (s) (6523009)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (802467). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (283)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (863). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (7347)

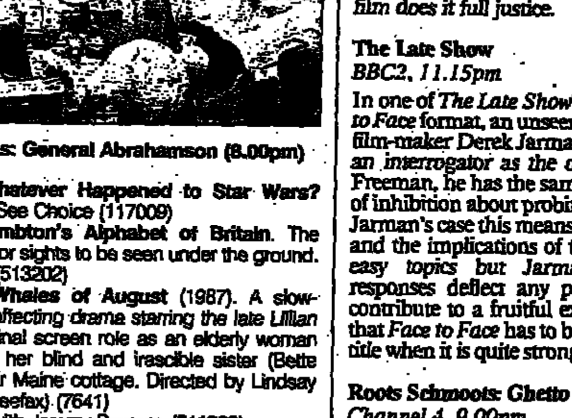


Sooty, Matthew Corbett and a fan (7.30pm)

7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs presented by Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton. This week's programme investigates fan clubs. (Ceefax) (937)
8.00 2 Point 4 Children. Domestic comedy starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9405)
8.30 Bonjour la Classe. Nigel Planer stars as Laurence Didcott, an inept but well meaning French teacher at a minor public school. This week he offers to sing tenor in the school choir but after a lunchtime drink has to change his plans. (Ceefax) (s) (8912)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8370)
9.30 Panorama: A Class Apart. Martin Bashir asks whether government policy has led to the dramatic increase in the number of children expelled from school (407221)
10.10 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Hoffa*, *Trespass* and *Candyman* (s) (170047). Northern Ireland: 29 Live
10.40 Cagney and Lacey. The first of a two-part story in which growing strains on both Chris and Mary Beth threaten their partnership. Starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r). (Ceefax) (919776). Northern Ireland: 10.45 Film 93 11.15 Cagney and Lacey
11.30 Who Cares Now? Jonathan Miller explores the problems of carers (r). (Ceefax) (19912)
12.00 Weather (1470448). Northern Ireland: (to 12.30am) Who Cares Now?

BBC2

7.10 Open University: Physical Chemistry — How Do Molecules React? (3877776) **7.35** The Telephone — the Birth of a Technology (7983979)
8.00 Breakfast News (3431912)
8.15 Westminster (3454863)
8.30 The South African Grand Prix. Highlights from yesterday's Formula One race (10080)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **9.45 Storytime** (s) (4529028) **1.20 Fiddley Foodle Bird** (87012776) **1.30 Spider** (86790467) **1.35 Bunyip** (86799738)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Storytime** (r) (s) (23388009) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (r) (203776). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers **2.45 Six Faces of Royalty.** Sir Roy Strong considers the character and personality of Queen Elizabeth I through her portraits (r) (2334592)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3826196) followed by **Village Praise.** Pam Rhodes visits Grasmere and Rydal in the Lake District (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6560202) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (2369573) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (2365757)
4.00 Film: My Favourite Brunette (1947, b/w) starring Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Gag-filled comedy about a photographer specialising in baby portraits who is mistaken for a private detective. Directed by Elliot Nugent. (Ceefax) (7550134)
5.25 Holiday Outings. A working holiday with the Acorn National Trust in Shropshire (r) (1509405)
5.30 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (s) (912)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). (Ceefax) (238134)
6.25 DEF II begins with **Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.** Teenage American comedy (s) (323776) **6.50 The Shamen.** A documentary following the Scottish band on tour (s) (579028)
7.20 Tex Avery cartoon *One Cab's Family* (344689)
7.30 Soundbites. The first of a new six-part series of music and chat presented by Evelyn Glennie. This week she is joined by Joanna MacGregor and Cynthia Millar (s) (689)



War games: General Abrahamson (8.00pm)

8.00 Horizon: Whatever Happened to Star Wars? (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (117009)
8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. The letter "U" is for sights to be seen under the ground. (Ceefax) (s) (513202)
9.00 Film: The Whales of August (1987). A slow-moving but affecting drama starring the late Lillian Gish in her final screen role as an elderly woman looking after her blind and irascible sister (Bette Davis) in their Maine cottage. Directed by Lindsay Anderson. (Ceefax) (7641)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (511283)
11.15 The Late Show (s). See Choice (862641)
11.55 Weather (394028) **12.00 Build a Better Business** (2388993). Ends at **12.25am**
2.00 Nightschool. Teaching today (94697). Ends **4.00**

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CHOICE

Warts and all: the medics return (ITV, 9.00pm)

Medics
ITV, 9.00pm

The public appetite for hospital dramas seems unabated. Why otherwise would the BBC be thinking of turning *Casualty* into a twice-weekly soap or ITV be persisting with what so far has been an inferior rival? The new series of *Medics* promises to "highlight contemporary debates about the National Health Service" and "take a warts and all approach to medical life". In other words we can expect political battles and medics who make mistakes. Tonight's episode does its best to oblige with the tale of a woman cancer patient and her plea to be moved to a specialist ward. Sub-plots involve a tricky operation on a young down-and-out and an impending baby for the senior registrar. The strands combine neatly but *Casualty* still has the edge for pace and excitement.

Horizon: Whatever Happened to Star Wars?
BBC2, 8.00pm

Ten years ago President Reagan came on television to announce an initiative that would "change the course of human history". The Strategic Defence Initiative, or Star Wars, was a security shield that would destroy Soviet missiles almost before they had left the silos. It was a bold idea but the scientists charged with realising it were less enthusiastic. One said it was like being challenged to make a Rolls-Royce out of a pile of junk. Within a couple of years it became clear that the technology was just not there, although the opposite impression was given to the American public. In the end the Berlin Wall came down and Star Wars became redundant. It is a bizarre story and Bettina Lerner's film does it full justice.

The Late Show
BBC2, 11.15pm

In one of *The Late Show*'s periodic returns to the *Face to Face* format, an unseen Jeremy Isaacs interviews the film-maker Derek Jarman. If Isaacs is not as relentless an interrogator as the originator of the show, John Freeman, he has the same sharp intelligence and lack of inhibition about probing his subject's private life. In Jarman's case this means talking about homosexuality and the implications of the Aids virus. These are not easy topics but Jarman's frank and engaging responses deflect any possible embarrassment and contribute to a fruitful exchange. It just seems a pity that *Face to Face* has to be buried away under another title when it is quite strong enough to stand on its own.

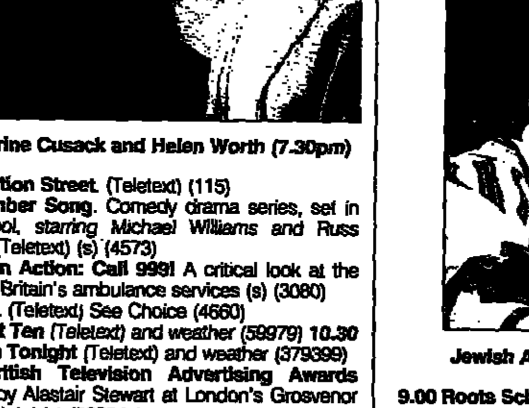
Roots Schmoots: Ghetto in the Clouds
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The second leg of Howard Jacobson's journey in search of Jewishness takes him to New York, with a diversion to the Catskill Mountains, then on to Los Angeles and Miami and finally to Wyatt Earp's Tombstone. Jacobson's value is that he is an insider who is also an outsider. He is a Jew prepared to be dispassionate, even irreverent, about his faith. But the series continues to puzzle, mainly because Jacobson offers no overarching structure or purpose. His vignettes seem randomly chosen and only tenuously connected. What is he trying to tell us, except that Jewishness takes many forms? For all that, he is an engaging guide and the film is never less than watchable.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV with Michael Wilson, Eamonn Holmes and Fiona Armstrong. The guests include Philip Franks from the cast of *Darling Buds of May*, and game show host Jim Bowen (8854318)
9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones has the answers, the contestants have to provide the questions (3781283) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7230009)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... (1659134)
10.35 This Morning. Family magazine (16722394)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (s) (6031641)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (4163573) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (57368405)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (209950) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Australian outback medical drama (s) (208221)
2.15 Capital Woman. London's standing as a European capital explored by Anneka Rice and Shyama Perera (s) (290202) **2.45 Families** (s) (9406221)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3837202) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3836573) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (9071844)
3.50 The Real Ghostbusters (r) (3013370) **4.15 Runaway Bay.** Episode five of the 13-part children's adventure. (Teletext) (s) (825047) **4.45 Go Wild!** Environmental matters explored by Chris Packham and Craig Charles (s) (3925009)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (6540776)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (438931)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. The guests are Eddie Murphy and British actress Sue Johnstone (51825)
7.00 Wish You Were Here ..? John Carter begins a two-part Far East train journey; Anna Walker is on the Greek islands of Spetses and Poros, Judith Chalmers tries an activity break in a Thamesside hotel; and there is a report from Antwerp. (Teletext) (s) (5825)

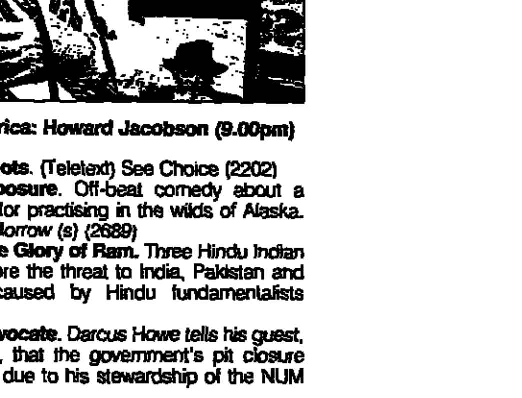


Catherine Cusack and Helen Worth (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (115)
8.00 September Song. Comedy drama series, set in Blackpool, starring Michael Williams and Russ Abbot. (Teletext) (s) (4573)
8.30 World in Action: Call 999! A critical look at the state of Britain's ambulance services (s) (3080)
9.00 Medics. (Teletext) See Choice (4660)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (59979) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (379399)
10.40 The British Television Advertising Awards hosted by Alastair Stewart at London's Grosvenor House Hotel (s) (633844)
11.40 Magnum. The last part of the original story in the series about the Hawaii-based private detective. Starring Tom Selleck (643641)
12.30am The Beat. Music magazine. Among those appearing is Mica Paris (s) (55603)
1.30 Sport AM. Featuring golf from Majorca and European football (42968)
2.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (13974)
3.30 Videofashion. Spring collections from around the world (96448) **4.00 Hollywood Report** (r) (92023)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (r) (53210)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French drama serial (22852)
5.30 ITN Morning News (55993). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street (r) (6281979)
6.45 Dennis. Animated adventures of a mischievous boy (9365825)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (40370)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (36028)
9.30 Schools (919283)
12.00 Right to Reply. Includes James Ferman, director of the British Board of Film Classification, with his views about the debate on violence in films and television. Plus, why television can no longer afford to broadcast many pop videos (r). (Teletext) (s) (49592)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is singer Smokey Robinson (79912)
1.30 Lift Off. Entertainment for young children (s) (73047)
2.00 Film: Convoy (1940, b/w) starring Clive Brook. Second world war flag-waver following the progress of an Allied convoy across the North Sea under threat from a German battleship. With Edward Chapman and John Clements. Directed by Pen Tennyson, great-grandson of the poet (333486)
3.40 Paul Kane Goes West. An account of the 19th century artist's travels across Canada, illustrated by his watercolours (8962825)
3.55 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason visits Monaco's Jardin Exotique, famous for its collection of a thousand different types of cacti (r). (Teletext) (s) (1618689)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (888)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Topical chat and music show from Dublin, presented by Gay Byrne (s) (2738)
6.00 Children's Ward. Episode six of the 26-part medical drama series set in a general hospital (r) (221)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy. (Teletext) (s) (573)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (847202)
7.50 Comment. Guy Black with his views on the possible threat of VAT on books and newspapers in tomorrow's budget (483202)
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Ceefax) (s) (2115)
8.30 Teenage Health Freak. Comedy series about a teenager's emotional growing pains. Starring Alex Langdon (s) (4950)



Jewish America: Howard Jacobson (9.00pm)

9.00 Roots Schmoots. (Teletext) See Choice (2202)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Off-beat comedy about a New York doctor practising in the wilds of Alaska. Starring Rob Morrow (s) (2689)
11.00 South: For the Glory of Ram. Three Hindu Indian directors explore the threat to India, Pakistan and Bangladesh caused by Hindu fundamentalists (890912)
12.10am Devil's Advocate. Darcus Howe tells his guest, Arthur Scargill, that the government's pit closure programme is due to his stewardship of the NUM (3197264)
1.00 Brown Sugar. The last in the series about black female singers features the Shirelles, the Crystals, Martha and the Vandellas and Aretha Franklin (r) (5175158). Ends at **1.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Yan Can Cook (290202) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9071844) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6540776) **6.00** Home and Away (225660) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (167283) **10.40** Love Call (42226912) **11.40** The British Advertising Awards (424381) **12.35** The Equalizer (5105245) **1.30** Sport AM (42968) **2.30** Donahue (8157061) **3.25** The Beat (5321608) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Graham Kerr (290202) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (9071844) **6.00** Lookaround (979) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (931) **10.40** Film: Stranger on My Land (42226912) **12.35** The Equalizer (5105245) **1.30** Sport AM (42968) **2.30** Donahue (8157061) **3.25** The Beat (5321608) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (209950) **1.45** Home and Away (208221) **2.15-2.45** Graham Kerr (79210776) **3.20-3.50** GP (9071844) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6540776) **6.00** Home and Away (225660) **6.25-7.00** Central News (167283) **10.40** It's a Living (853660) **11.10** The British Advertising Awards (424318) **12.10** Boxing (5362055) **1.10** McCloud (214887) **3.00** 60 Minutes (6107245) **3.55** Jobfinder (2061500) **4.55** Karn Bhoomi (79487622) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2609581)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (209950) **1.45** Home and Away (208221) **2.15-3.10** Island Son (7882863) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (9071844) **5.10-5.40** Hunt the Pie (6540776) **6.00** Home and Away (979) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (931) **10.40** Film: Stranger on my Land (42226912) **12.35** The Equalizer (5105245) **1.30** Sport AM (42968) **2.30** Donahue (8157061) **3.25** The Beat (5321608) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

HTV WEST
As London except: 3.45 Blockbusters (208221) **2.15-2.45** Graham Kerr (290202) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (9071844) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (51825) **10.40** Extra Time (537221) **11.25** Rock Sport (824488) **11.40** The British Advertising Awards (813496) **12.35** The Equalizer (5105245) **1.30** Sport AM (42968) **2.30** Donahue (8157061) **3.25** The Beat (5321608) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Primetime **10.40-11.40** The Welsh Choral Festival

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 I Can Do That (290202) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9071844) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (979) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (931) **11.40-12.30** McCloud (843641) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-2.45 Brand New Life (2025198) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9071844) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (51825) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (931) **10.40** First Class County (853660) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (771738) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (2299055) **12.35** Film: Football Crazy (339603) **2.35** Entertainment UK (8071697) **3.35** ITV Chart Show (2067784) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45 Fair City (208221) **2.15-2.45** Highdays and Holidays (290202) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (51825) **10.40** How Does Your Garden Grow? (853660) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (747776) **12.05** Scotch and Irish (878370) **12.35** The Equalizer (5105245) **1.30** Sport AM (42968)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (208221) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (290202) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (9071844) **6.00-7.00** West Country Live (51825) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (853660) **11.15** Soap (862739) **11.40** The British Advertising Awards (813496) **12.35** The Equalizer (5105245) **1.30** Sport AM (42968) **2.30** Donahue (8157061) **3.25** The Beat (5321608) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-2.45 Brand New Life (2025198) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9071844) **5.55** Calendar (820115) **6.30-7.00** The Big Green Boat Show (981) **10.40** First Class County (893660) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (771738) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (2299055) **12.35** Film: Football Crazy (339603) **2.35** Entertainment UK (8071697) **3.35** ITV Chart Show (2067784)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36698844) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (6148950) **9.10** Cartoons (2565467) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (12950) **10.00** Strike It Rich (55738) **10.30** *The Bold and the Beautiful* (67912) **11.00** Hart to Hart (98931) **12.00** Falcon Crest (25363) **1.00pm** E Street (94937) **1.30** *Another World* (4363047) **2.15** Santa Barbara (845776) **2.45** Maude (844047) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (834660) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5707573) **5.00** *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (2370) **6.00** Games World (9912) **6.30** E Street (3592) **7.00** Rescue (9329) **7.30** *Family Ties* (9776) **8.00** *Sins: Second of a three-part mini series* (32738) **10.00** Seinfeld (82221) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (65973) **11.30** Studs (77950) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (77009) **6.30** News and Business Report (513318) **9.30** Roving Report (72198) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (83950) **11.30** Business Report (83592) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (41738) **1.30** Good Morning America (42467) **2.30** Parliament Live (92689) **3.30** Parliament Live (85660) **4.30** News and Business Report (6689) **5.00** Live at Five (80134) **6.30** News and Business Report (60080) **7.30** *Special Report* (7318) **10.30** Special Report (65955) **11.30** ABC News (50554) **12.30am** Getaway (11239) **1.30** ABC News (88784) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (77722) **3.30** ABC News (88887) **4.30** Special Report (17784) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (84429)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2969950)
10.00 Krull (1983): Fantasy about a prince's quest to find a sacred artefact (16152399)
12.10pm Gunfight in Abilene (1967). Western starring Bobby Darin (366889)
2.00 A Town's Revenge (1989): Elizabeth Franz returns home (74863)
3.00 *The Perfect Date* (1989): Comedy about a disastrous evening (26689)
4.00 Caddie Woodlawn (1991): A tomboy helps protect local Indians (7202)
6.00 Krull (as 10am) (55689)
8.00 Air America (1990). Mel Gibson plays a pilot in Vietnam (50134)
10.00 Hudson Hawk (1991): Bruce Willis commits the crime of the century (502931)
11.40 UK Top Ten (410383)
12.00 Scanners 2: The New Order (1990): Psychics terrorise America (517429)
1.45am Prison (1988): The spirit of an executed inmate seeks revenge (551500)

3.25 The Evil Dead (1983). Bruce Campbell confronts a group of zombies (4652968)
4.45 Payback (1990): A man escapes from prison to avenge his brother's murder (7725535). Ends at **6.15**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.30pm The Lawless Breed (1952): Rock Hudson as John Wesley Hardin (28283)
8.00 Absence of Malice (1980). Sally Field slanders Paul Newman (34134)
10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984). Freddy Krueger terrorises teenagers in their sleep (51009). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.20am Arise My Love (1940, b/w). Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland meet in war-torn Spain (68285573)
8.15 Where the Red Fern Grows (1990): A disabled soldier returns home (25561478)
10.05 Testament (1983): Post-nuclear survival drama (29023863)
12.00 Here Comes the Groom (1951): Musical comedy with Bing Crosby (51912)
2.00pm The Little Kidnappers (1990): Two Scottish orphans adopt a baby (986738)
3.40 Where the Red Fern Grows (as 8.15am) (496689)
5.30 Xposure: Film news (2009)
6.00 White Hot: The Mysterious Murder of Thelma Todd (1991): Loni Anderson stars as a 1930s film star (46931)
8.00 Dying Young (1991): Julia Roberts nurses Scott Campbell (58776)
10.00 Meeting Venus (1991). Comedy with Niels Arestrup and Glenn Close (16202)
12.00 Crimes and Misdemeanours (1989): Woody Allen's mixture of drama and romantic comedy (997516)
1.50am Cold Dog Soup (1990): A man attempts to buy a dog (828784)
3.25 Support Your Local Sheriff! (1969) James Garner appoints a drunk as his deputy (299993). Ends at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (99196) **7.00** German Football (24370) **9.00** Stretch (35912) **9.30** *The Big League* (62950) **11.30** Stretch (62405) **12.00** Jack High (69467) **1.00pm** Golf (94641) **3.00** FA Premier League: *Manchester Utd v Aston Villa* (56221) **4.00** Red Line (52028) **5.00** Surfing (6738) **6.00** Soccer News (911115) **6.03** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (9554) **6.30** Goal (3134) **7.00** Football: Crystal Palace v Chelsea (976738) **10.00** Soccer News (849825) **10.03** ATP Tennis (699115) **1.00am** Goal (97697) **1.30-3.30am** Football (as 7pm) (16103)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (49689) **8.00** Alpine Skiing (914863) **10.30** Motorsport (73496) **11.30** Alpine Skiing (20486) **1.00pm** Indoor Athletics (9026573) **3.00** Golf (68689) **4.00** Motor Racing (47196) **5.00** Handball (4134) **6.00** Eurofun (7950) **6.30** News (8202) **7.00** *Free Style Skiing* (65080) **8.00** Handball (81028) **9.00** Eurogoals (94592) **10.00** Boxing (89509) **11.00** Golf Magazine (39202) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (21974)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (52194399) **6.15** Button Moon (52182554) **6.30** The Raccoons (8996660) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth (2323757) **7.30** Neighbours (2335592) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1942202) **8.30** EastEnders (1941573) **9.00** The Bill (1932825) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (6944757) **10.30** The Chinese Detective (3355825) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (6501329) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1952689) **12.30pm** *Neighbours* (6154115) **1.00** *EastEnders* (2322028) **1.30** The Bill (6153486) **2.00** George And Mildred (2873115) **2.30** After Henry (5578689) **3.00** Dallas (2901365) **4.00** Dynasty (3458450) **6.00** Candid Camera (2884467) **6.30** Give Us a Clue (5570405) **6.00** Neighbours (5577318) **6.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (1844467) **7.30** George and Mildred (5557554) **8.00** EastEnders (2893979) **8.30** After Henry (2872486) **9.00** The Chinese Detective (2841047) **10.00** The Bill (1953318) **10.30** Frankie Howerd: Then Churchill Said to Me (1939738) **11.00** Dick Emery (8501509) **11.30** Film: The First Rebel (1939, b/w) starring John Wayne (4834711) **12.45-2.00am** Video Bites (55258210)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Stories Without Words (77047) **6.30** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (9720564) **7.15** Kissy Fur (566202) **8.45** Jack in the Box (318912) **10.45** Stories Without Words (259080) **11.15** Non-Stop Cartoon Capers (9807405) **12.00** Boy Dominic. Dynamo Duck (62080) **12.30pm** Mask (20592) **1.00** Jack in the Box (80047) **3.00** Kissy Fur (98783) **4.00** Spit and Hercules (7115) **4.30** The Legend of White Fang (3399) **5.00** Katts and Dog (8115) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7979) **6.00-7.00** Fame (30793)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Modern Art: Pissarro — Politics and Painting **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. Including Beethoven (Piano Trio in E flat, WoO 38); Haydn (Symphony No 36 in E flat); Rossini (Overture, Otello); Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 1)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Marc-Antoine Charpentier. Nicholas Anderson presents music by the French baroque composer. Te Deum (Les Arts Florissants); Psalm 127, Nisi Dominus (Le Parlement de Musique); Magnificat pour le Port Royal (Capella Ricercar); Psalm 41, Quemadmodum desiderat cervus
10.00 Morning Sequence: Telemann (Overture in E minor, Tafelmusik); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in F minor, Op 2 No 1: Alfred Brendel); Janáček (Suite, The Cunning Little Vixen); Graun (Horn Concerto in D: Barry Tuckwell); Brahms (Two Songs, Op 91), Tchaikovsky (Serenade for strings)
12.00 Vintage Years: John Amis introduces recordings of the British tenor Heddle Nash
1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert from St John's, Smith Square. Vermeer Quartet — Shmuel Ashkenasi and Mathias Tacke, violins, Richard Young, viola, Marc Johnson, cello — performs Ligeti (String Quartet No 1), Mendelssohn (String Quartet in E minor)
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 BBC Welsh SO under Richard Hickox performs Beethoven (Symphony No 1 in C); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 4 in D, K218, György Pauk; Symphony No 41 in C, K551, Jupiter) (r)
4.15 Organ Music. Huw Lewis, on the organ of Gloucester Cathedral, plays William Albright (1732, in memoriam Johannes Albrecht: with the composer, narrator); Messiaen (L'Ascension)
5.00 In Tune: Michael Berkeley's guest is the pianist Bernard Roberts
7.30 Towards the Millennium. Live from the Festival Hall, London. London Sinfonietta Voices and Chorus; London Sinfonietta under Simon Rattle performs Bartók (Village scenes); Janáček (Říkadla); Villa-Lobos (Chôros No 3 — a cappella version); Vaughan Williams (Suite, Flos campi: Paul Silverthorne, viola); **8.35** The Dancer and the Economist: A selection of letters between John Maynard Keynes and Lydia Lopokova from 1922 to 1925. **8.55** Stravinsky (Les noces: Roberta Alexander, soprano, Ameral Gunson, mezzo, Ian Caley tenor, Brian Bannatyne-Scott, bass)
9.30 Telling Stories: See Choice
9.50 Caroline Palmer, piano, plays Debussy (Suite bergamasque); Mompou (Impresiones intimas); Debussy (La puerta del vino; La sérénade interrompue, Préludes; Soirée dans Grenade, Estampes); Falla (Fantasia baetica) (r)
10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Paris Touch'd by the Italian Flame: Réjouissance performs Montéclair (Les Delices Champestres); Rameau (Le berger fidèle); Montéclair (La Morte di Lucretia); Clérambault (Apollon et Doris)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)
2.30-3.10am Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** You Can't Reheat a Soufflé: Helen Chapell looks at graceful retirements and comebacks **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests
10.00-10.30 Globetrotters (FM only): Arthur Smith quizzes four armchair travellers
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from Leeds Grammar School
10.15 The Prophet (LW only): The writings of the poet and philosopher Kahlil Gibran (6/7)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sarah Dunant discusses the life and work of Daphne du Maurier with Margaret Forster, author of a new biography. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live, with Danielle Donougher
12.00 You and Yours, with Michael Collie
12.25pm Counterpoint: The musical quiz chaired by Ned Sherrin **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thorne Investigates: Double Negative. The last of three thrillers by John Penn, from the novel *Outrageous Exposure*. Detectives Thorne and Abbot investigate the mysterious disappearance of several young women and uncover a pornographic operation. With John Castle and Andrew Branch
3.30 Conversation Piece: See Choice
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to Peter Marlow about photographing Liverpool; meets the traveller Nick Danziger; and offers a guide to grunge
4.45 Telling Stories: To Tempt a Woman, by Clare Boylan. Read by Tony Doyle (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes team captains Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren and guests (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Not About Heroes, by Stephen MacDonald. To mark the centenary of Wilfred Owen's birth, James Telfer plays Owen and Stephen MacDonald plays Siegfried Sassoon in this play about their friendship (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Everyday Use, by Alice Walker. A mother must choose between indulging her chic daughter and protecting her disabled younger child. Read by Alfre Woodward
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Whose Line Is It Anyway? Improvised comedy with John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Bird and Jimmy Mulville. Clive Anderson referees (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Conversation Piece. *Radio 4, 3.30pm.*
In Ernest Hall's dream of creating a "practical Utopia", commerce and art were reconciled: a weaver's shed was filled to the ceiling with grand pianos. As in dreams, so it has worked out in reality, though on a more spectacular scale. Hall bought an old carpet mill in Halifax and turned it into a centre that houses 200 businesses that employ 3,000 people, two theatre companies, and studios for artists. He also has a successful career as a concert pianist. Clearly, there was nothing portentous in the fact that the first classical music the ebullient Hall heard at school was *Valse triste*.

Telling Stories. *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*
Three days before the BBC publishes its annual anthology of stories written for radio, Radio 3 launches a short season of readings from the collection. Another four can be heard this week. We can but hope they are all as well written and as well read as Russell Hoban's *Telling Stories* is by Joss Ackland tonight. It is, of course, the ideal way to launch the season because it has to do, entirely, with the art of story-telling, albeit stories told as fibs.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.00** Lynn Parsons's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Evening Session **8.30** Consequences: Liz Kershaw talks about teenage pregnancy and parenthood (1/3) **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00** The Knowledge (FM only) (r) **12.30-4.00am** Nicky Horne (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy with The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** The Best of Syd Lawrence (3/8) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **4.25am** Test Match Special: Sri Lanka v England **6.30** Morning Edition Update **7.15** Test Match Special **11.35** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Money Talk **1.05** Schools: Topic Resources 5-7, **1.20** English 9-11; **1.40** Poetry Corner; **1.50** Let's Move!; **2.10** Active Science **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Croxton Year: First of a four-part drama by Matthew Solon **7.15** The Fib and Other Stories, by George Layton (1/5) **7.30** Champion Sport **9.30** Black Museum **10.10** The Mix **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport **4.25-6.30** Test Match Special: Sri Lanka v England from Colombo

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30** Waveguide **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.14** Travel **6.15** Recording of the Week **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** News **7.30** Gods, Guides and Gurus **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** The Brain **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News; The Last Tigers **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.30** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Reeg Darbari **2.45** A Taste of Soul **3.00** News **3.15** It's All a Plot **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** News **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Sparks from a Precious Stone **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** News **12.30am** Quote, Unquote **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto*: Honegger and Schubert **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Music of Britain and Ireland: The English Song **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Wagner (Overture, The Flying Dutchman); Prokofiev (Symphony Concertante, Op 125) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Denis Tuohy

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Fund managers attack power of utility regulators

■ Investors should be told in share sale prospectuses that the government has little control over privatised company regulators, say leading financial institutions

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

SOME of Britain's biggest institutional investors are furious about what they see as the government's failure to spell out the role of regulators in privatisation issues, and they are demanding more information in the prospectus for the forthcoming sale of its remaining 21.9 per cent stake in BT, worth £5.8 billion.

David Manning, director of UK equities at Legal and General, said: "It is not that we are being conned... but the government is not aware of the power that it has given the regulators and the ability of the regulator to go off on all sorts of tangents." He added: "The government should put a *caveat emptor* into the prospectus saying that there is little control over the regulator and that the regulatory regime will get harder."

John Emly, deputy chairman of Fleming Investment Management, said his main criticism of the government and its advisers is that "they have been economical with the truth".

He said he wanted "an undertaking that the terms of the flotation will be honoured". He said the terms of the privatisation Act should be adhered to for a minimum of five and up to ten years "so that investors can formulate proper judgments".

Mr Manning said British Gas was sold to investors in 1986 as an integrated company on a 25 year state licence which could be terminated thereafter by the Secretary of State provided ten years' notice was given. However, last year the Office of Fair Trading recommended the separation of British Gas's pipeline and storage business; the issue prompted British Gas to ask for a full referal of its business to the monopolies commission last summer; and Sir James McKinnon, director general of Ofgas, is now calling for a complete break-up of the company. If Sir James's plans to split up British Gas had been known at the time of privatisation, Mr Manning said, the issue would have been unsaleable.

Since the privatisation of British Gas there has been an MMC inquiry in 1988; a tariff formula review in April 1991; an OFT review in October 1991; a reduction in the tariff threshold in October 1992; and the tariff threshold is due to be reviewed again in May this year. Although the offer for sale gave a clear definition of the dividing line between British Gas's tariff and contract customer, investors argue that they have seen the company's protected market radically cut.

The British Gas prospectus stated that the regulator and the secretary of state "must exercise their functions in a way which... enables effective competition for supplies exceeding 25,000 therms per annum". But British Gas's monopoly position was reduced last August from 25,000 therms to those customers consuming less than 2,500 therms.

Given their concerns over the role of the regulator, institutions would like to see the MMC's report into gas published before the sale of the third tranche of BT shares, planned for June or July.

The government still holds 40 per cent stakes in National Power and PowerGen, worth £2.8 billion. Given the present uncertainty over coal contracts, institutions said in its sale of the remaining stakes, planned for 1994, the government should spell out and stick to coal agreements.

Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, is known to have battled with the government during its second BT share sale to have the regulatory risks more clearly defined in the prospectus and is expecting another battle over the third share sale.

Yesterday, he said: "Regulation is, of course, necessary, but it is crystal clear that the system is in need of reform. We urgently need greater transparency, accountability and a better understanding of what regulation is trying to achieve."

Clearer signals: Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, wants better definition of the regulatory risks before share sale

German pact lifts hopes for rate cuts

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE agreement of a solidarity pact in Germany at the weekend has ignited more intense speculation that the Bundesbank will this week cut its interest rates, and revived talk of further British rate cuts.

Downing Street's recent assertion that lower German rates would *not* be regarded as a window of opportunity for cutting British rates, together with repeated official statements that no further cuts are planned, has dampened expectations of a Budget base rate cut tomorrow. But German rate cuts could change the position.

The authorities do not want to see the competitiveness gained through sterling's devaluation eroded by a sharp further appreciation of sterling against the mark. The Bank of England was a reported seller of sterling when it was trading above DM2.50 and there would be some discomfort if the pound rallied to anywhere near that level. The potential for the pound to rise was seen in its 7 pfennig climb early in March, largely on expectations of lower German rates.

The solidarity pact, called for six months ago by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, was finally signed on Saturday night after weeks of talks with opposition, employers and unions to find ways of cutting the budget deficit and bolstering economic growth in East.

Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister, said at the weekend that the pact, whose centrepiece is a 7.5 per cent income tax surcharge in 1995, "would be judged positively by the Bundesbank". The bank has called for a tough deficit-cutting package and wage restraint and said that, if both could be achieved, it would give its policy-making council more scope to lower the 9 per cent lombard rate and 8 per cent comercial rate. Helmut Schlesinger, president of the bank, said at the recent G7 meeting in London, that lower interest rates were not contingent on a solidarity pact but that it would help.

Christian Watrin, professor of economics at Cologne university, said the Bundesbank was under intense political pressure to cut interest rates and this would probably win the day despite the bank's persistent misgivings.

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American Airlines ready to pull out of Stansted airport

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN Airlines, the world's biggest carrier, is about to pull out of Stansted in a move that will further undermine London's loss-making third airport.

Robert Crandall, the American Airlines chairman, who has spearheaded the US airlines' last-minute campaign to block British Airways' $750 million investment in USAir, the sixth-biggest US carrier, revealed his plans to withdraw from Stansted in an interview with *The Times*.

Although he made no direct link between withdrawal from Stansted and his hard lobbying against the BA-USAir deal, American Airlines departure from Stansted would underline the argument of BA's competitors that access to the smallest of London's airports is no commercial substitute to access to Heathrow.

Stansted, owned by BAA, made an operating loss of £28.8 million in the year to last March. Sir John Egan, BAA chief executive, has forecast break-even for Stansted in 1995-6, when it is expected to handle 5 million passengers a year. Currently, it is handling about 2.5 million and has attracted mainly minor carriers from Europe. Aeroflot, the huge Russian airline, is scheduled to open a St Petersburg service on March 28.

American, United and Delta, the three big US carriers, are pushing to have the Anglo-American aviation agreement torn up on the grounds that it is heavily biased in favour of BA.

The fierce domestic competition in the American market since deregulation has produced huge losses and forced several airlines to seek court protection from their creditors.

American, based at Fort Worth, Texas, last year reported a net loss of $9.3 million, despite a substantial increase in the number of passengers. Mr Crandall, who is determined to withdraw from uneconomic routes, said American is currently losing about $1 million a month on its daily Chicago-Stansted service. In these circumstances, and with Britain barring the way to American airlines operating to London from Nashville, Tennessee, and San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mr Crandall said he was "thinking of closing it [Stansted-Chicago] up".

After discussions last week with John MacGregor, the transport secretary, Mr Crandall said the British government could make Stansted work but chose not to. But he said his principal "beef" with the British government was that American, like BA's other competitors, is being denied more access to Heathrow.

The airline wants the Clinton administration to use the BA-USAir deal to justify a comprehensive review of US aviation policy that would treat international aviation as a major trade issue. Washington was on Friday signalling that the transport department would give the go ahead to the BA-USAir deal, but US carriers were still lobbying hard for important conditions.

Battle for Owners in balance

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE battle for control of Owners Abroad, the package holiday firm, hangs in the balance today as the hostile £294 million bid from Airtours enters its final full day. Airtours, which lifted its stake to 7.1 per cent on Friday, will try to take its stake in Owners to 10 per cent today, the limit allowed in the takeover code.

Airtours now speaks for 22.1 per cent of Owners' shares, including an acceptance from Mercury Asset Management with 15 per cent on Friday. But Owners' directors have 5.5 per cent and Phillips & Drew Fund Management, with 10.8 per cent, is today likely to reject Airtours' bid, which closes tomorrow.

Yesterday Howard Klein, Owners chairman, was in meetings with Thomas Cook, the German-owned travel agency planning to link up with Owners if the bid fails. Thomas Cook could stage a market raid today in an effort to scupper the bid.

Heseltine warns of 'long haul'

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN faces a "long haul" to rebuild its industrial base, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, said after publication of a leaked report confirming the existence of fundamental flaws in the country's productive base.

The study, carried out by the department of trade's Industrial Competitiveness Unit, revealed an economy hamstrung by inadequately skilled management that failed to invest sufficiently in new technology. As a result, the study concluded, imports would account for most of the new products on sale, causing a further widening of Britain's already massive trade deficit.

Robin Cook, Labour's industry spokesman, said the number of Britons working in manufacturing had fallen to 4.5 million and if present trends continue "we will have fewer people at work making things than we will have really out of work making nothing".

Mr Heseltine blamed a century of separation of manufacturing from the mainstream of British society for the problem. Some progress had been achieved in the 1980s — in creating over 1 million new firms, better industrial relations and the privatisation of state industries, but much remained to be done. The problems were being considered by a taskforce under the direction of John Major, Mr Heseltine said.

Lean times are recipe for growth in pasta production

TONY WHITE

Reale growth: Virginia Lopalco, marketing director, can now go for increased sales

BY DEREK HARRIS

THE recession has helped to boost the fresh pasta industry, producing an annual growth of 20 per cent a year. The buoyant sales have persuaded Pasta Reale, run by three members of an Italian family, to open a £7 million factory this month at Crawley, Sussex, that more than doubles capacity.

Virginia Lopalco, the Pasta Reale marketing director and creator of its traditional Italian recipes, said she had until now been forced to ease up on sales promotion because the old 24,000 sq ft factory was working flat out.

The new factory, using machinery from Italy, has 52,000 sq ft of production area. In her test kitchen, she is currently developing six new recipes with another three projected. Some production is own-label for grocery chains.

Pasta Reale sells into a number of multiple grocers — notably Waitrose, Safeway and Asda. It also sells to the catering trade serving airlines using Gatwick and Heathrow and supplies British Rail.

Pasta Reale competes closely with Geest group's The Pasta Company, based in Humberside, in a fresh pasta sector estimated in retailing alone to be worth about £23 million a year in sales.

The two fresh pasta makers are estimated between them to account for about 85 per cent of the market. Pasta Reale started in 1979, its three principals having previously run an Italian restaurant in Croydon.

Mrs Lopalco came to England in the 1950s to learn English. The two other Pasta Royale principals are Salvatore, her husband who is production manager, and Roberto Santi, her elder brother who is managing director.

Mrs Lopalco said: "The recession has been good for pasta because it is a food which in cooking doubles in volume instead of, like meat say, shrinking."

Pasta Reale's annual turnover on retailing is currently just over £9 million but Mrs Lopalco said: "We're not thinking about eventual flotation and have already turned down many offers."

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8 Wanderer (5)
9 Healthily, robustly (7)
10 Before (3)
11 Sedate, steady (5)
12 "Heretical" astronomer (7)
14 Limp (6)
16 Brittany native (6)
20 Praisings (7)
23 "Dog" (5)
24 Soviet space station (3)
25 Artless girl (7)
26 Put out (5)
27 Desperately seek remedy (5,2,1,5)

DOWN
1 Enduring uncomplainingly (4-9)
2 Harpsichord (7)
3 Totalled (5,2)
4 Assert (6)
5 Leaf rope fibre (5)
6 Freeze (5)
7 Formulate rules (3,4,3,3)
13 Anger (3)
15 In favour (3)
17 Keep under control (7)
18 Cavalry soldier (7)
19 Mourn (6)
21 Christ's sayings (5)
22 Study in detail (3,2)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3045

ACROSS: 1 Nota bene 5 Chef 9 Upright 10 Elite 11 Chit 12 Fathead 14 Embody 16 Siesta 19 Wizened 21 Past 24 React 25 Jasmine 26 Dude 27 Objector

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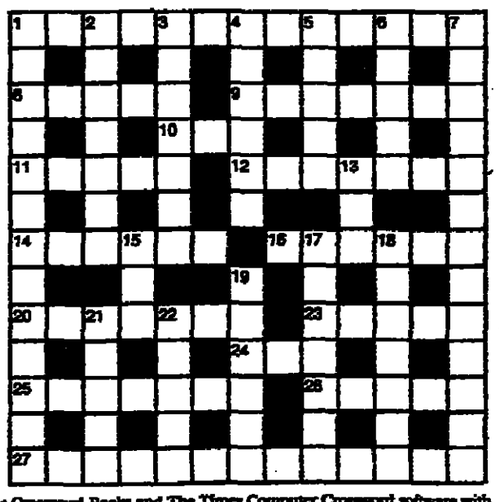

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Gallagher — Lukasiewicz, Bern 1993. White has an immediate win here involving the exploitation of black's unguarded back rank. Can you see it?

Solution on page 33

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

WIRRA
a. Alas, oh dear
b. A child's sling-shot
c. A guinea pig's nest

MAYA
a. Flowering in May
b. A stepped pyramid
c. Illusion

FORRIT
a. To question impertinently
b. To ban by injunction
c. Forward

CATHARAN
a. A canoe with a sail
b. A Puritan
c. A Sikh's hair-pin

Answers on page 33